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To: All WSIS Stakeholders:
— Governments
— Private Sector
— Civil Society
— International Organizations

First Physical Meeting within the Framework of the Open Consultation Process on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format of the WSIS Forum 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the outcomes of the WSIS Action Line Facilitators meetings during the WSIS Forum 2009, 2010 and 2011 and the exchange of views amongst several WSIS stakeholders, the organizers of the WSIS Forum, ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP announced the Open Consultation Process on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format of the WSIS Forum 2012. This process, initiated in October, consists of six phases and includes three physical meetings.

On behalf of ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP, I am pleased to invite you to the first physical meeting of the Open Consultation Process on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format of the WSIS Forum 2012. The purpose is to present the interim results of contributions made by the stakeholders and also to provide you with an update on the WSIS Forum 2012 preparations. This meeting will be held on the 30th of November from 14h30-18h00 in Room A, ITU Headquarters, Geneva. Information on the registration process as well as remote participation for this meeting will be available at www.wsis.org/forum.

We look forward to your participation in this important meeting that will help shape the agenda of the WSIS Forum 2012.

Yours faithfully,

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ITU Secretary-General