Geneva, 3 August 2011

Subject: WSIS Stocktaking: 2011 Call for Update and New Entries

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to continue to contribute to the WSIS Stocktaking process undertaken in support of the WSIS Implementation and Follow-up.

During the WSIS process in 2004, stakeholders expressed their view that the public stocktaking database of WSIS-related implementation activities (www.wsis.org/stocktaking), structured according to the 11 WSIS Action Lines (Geneva Plan of Action), should be further maintained under the stewardship of ITU (see Tunis Agenda, § 120).

The principal role of the WSIS Stocktaking exercise is to leverage the activities of stakeholders working on the implementation of WSIS outcomes and share knowledge and experience of projects by replicating successful models. In this context, ECOSOC Resolution 2010/2 on “Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society” encourages all WSIS stakeholders to continue to contribute information to the WSIS Stocktaking database. As of July 2011, there were more than 5,200 entries submitted to the WSIS Stocktaking database, and more than 2,750 WSIS stakeholders from more than 140 countries were registered to the WSIS Stocktaking Platform.

We would be grateful for your proactive participation in the WSIS Stocktaking process and invite you to submit any new entries relevant to the time period from 2010 until 2012 describing the activities undertaken, either in the enclosed questionnaire or online at www.wsis.org/stocktaking. Information submitted to the public database will be reflected in the WSIS Stocktaking Report 2012 which will be officially launched during the WSIS Forum 2012 and submitted to the 15th Session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD).

Please kindly note that one entry could include more than one activity. We look forward to receiving your responses and any other associated documentation by 15 January 2012. In case of any questions or need for assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the WSIS Stocktaking Team at wsis-stocktaking@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,

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