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Subject: WSIS Stocktaking: 2012 Call for Update and New Entries

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to contribute to the WSIS Stocktaking process undertaken in support of the World Summit on the Information Society (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, the 2012 ECOSOC Resolution 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 2012, there were more than 5700 entries submitted to the WSIS Stocktaking database, and more than 6 400 WSIS stakeholders from more than 140 countries were registered to the WSIS Stocktaking Platform. The results of the previous call for update and new entries were presented in the fourth edition of the Report on WSIS Stocktaking reflecting more than 1000 WSIS-related activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all stakeholders that have contributed to the previous calls and invite you to submit any new entries relevant to the time period 2012-2013, either in the enclosed questionnaire or online at www.wsis.org/stocktaking. Submitted activities will be reflected in the WSIS Stocktaking Report 2013 which will be officially launched during the WSIS Forum 2013 and submitted to the 16th Session of CSTD.

We look forward to receiving your response and any other associated documentation by 31st January 2013.

If you should have any questions or need for assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the WSIS Stocktaking Team at wsis-stocktaking@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,

[Originally signed]

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