The Secretary-General

Geneva, 24 July 2013

Ref.: DM-13/1017
Contact: Mr Jaroslaw Ponder
Telephone: +41 22 730 6065
Telefax: +41 22 730 6453
E-mail: wsis-stocktaking@itu.int

All WSIS Stakeholders:
- Governments
- International Organizations
- Civil Society
- Private Sector

Subject: WSIS Stocktaking: 2013-2014 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 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, WSIS Stocktaking process provides a portal of best practices for stakeholders seeking updated information on the progress of implementation of WSIS outcomes (see Geneva Plan of Action, §28.e)

ECOSOC Resolution 2012 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. The results of the previous call for update and new entries were presented in the fifth edition of the Report on WSIS Stocktaking reflecting more than 700 WSIS-related activities for the period May 2012-May 2013. The detailed information about WSIS Stocktaking is presented in Annex 1.

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 for 2013-2014, either in the enclosed questionnaire Annex 2 or online at www.wsis.org/stocktaking. Submitted activities will be reflected in the WSIS Stocktaking Report 2014 which will be officially launched during the WSIS+10 High-Level Event and Forum 2014 and submitted to the 17th Session of CSTD. We look forward to receiving your responses and any other associated documentation by 1st December 2013.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Hamadoun I. Touré

Copy: Administrations of Member States of ITU and Permanent Missions of the UN in Geneva