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**Subject: Meeting on the ICT Development Index (Hybrid), 18-19 September 2023, Geneva, Switzerland**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to invite you to attend a meeting on the ICT Development Index (IDI) to be held in Geneva on 18 and 19 September 2023 during the joint meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunications/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH).

As communicated in my previous circulars, PP Resolution 131 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) describes the process for developing a new IDI. The process is transparent, inclusive, and allows for the development of a statistically sound and conceptually relevant tool.

In February, EGTI and EGH members were invited to comment on a '[zero draft](#)' methodology prepared by the Secretariat to facilitate the process. All consultations took place on a [dedicated Forum](#). Following this first phase, the Secretariat compiled and responded to all the comments, and updated the methodology ('[version 1](#)'). In April and May, Member States were in turn invited to comment on the updated methodology.

Following this consultation, the Secretariat again compiled and responded to all the comments, updated the methodology and produced '[version 2](#)' of the methodology. It also identified a list of outstanding methodological issues. To resolve these issues, a joint meeting of the two expert groups on ICT indicators was held from 13 to 15 June, in accordance with Resolution 131. The [report](#) of the meeting was posted on 27 June. The Secretariat has been updating the methodology to reflect the outcomes of the joint meeting. This 'version 3' will be shared in early August. Since the beginning, the Secretariat has maintained a [webpage](#) about the ongoing process.

During its 2023 session, ITU's Council noted the developments and requested that an additional meeting be organized ahead of the final consultation of Member States. Accordingly, a joint EGTI/EGH meeting on the ICT Development Index will be held on 18 and 19 September 2023 from 09:30 to 17:30 (CEST), during the annual meetings of [EGTI](#) and [EGH](#), which will take place from 18 to 21 September, in Geneva. Remote participation and interpretation will be provided. This meeting will offer a final opportunity to conclude the elaboration of the methodology. To accommodate this additional meeting, the agendas of the EGTI and EGH annual meetings will be modified and condensed. The agendas will be posted on the webpages and online forums of both expert groups in due course.

Following the meeting, the final IDI methodology will be submitted for approval by the Member States in October. The methodology will be adopted if 70 per cent of responding Member States approve it, as per Resolution 131. During this consultation, Member States will also have the possibility to opt out from the 2023 edition if the methodology is approved.

To attend the IDI meeting in person or remotely, please use the same [registration link](#) as for the annual meetings of EGTI and EGH. When registering, please tick the box "Meeting on the ICT Development Index". Please register even if you have already registered for the EGTI meeting, the EGH meeting, or both. Submissions for agenda items for the IDI meeting can be sent to [indicators@itu.int](mailto:indicators@itu.int) by 30 August 2023.

I thank you for your contribution to the process.

Yours sincerely,

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