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Subject : Capacity Building Workshop on Information Society Statistics: Infrastructure and Household Indicators, 6-8 November 2007, Bangkok

Dear Sir/ Madam,

On behalf of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and its partners, APT and UNESCAP, we would like to invite you to nominate participants for the joint *APT-ITU-UNESCAP Capacity Building Workshop on Information Society Statistics: Infrastructure and Household Indicators*, which will take place on 6-8 November 2007 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The workshop will build upon the results of the meeting conducted in the 2006 in the region on the same subject. It will discuss definitions, collection methodologies and data collection issues both for infrastructure indicators and household ICT statistics, as well as other ICT indicators. This meeting is aimed to assist the Members in the process of ICT Statistics collection and use, more specifically:

- a) to inform the Members of the ICT indicators in the region from various UN and other Inter-governmental agencies, their purpose and data availability;
- b) to discuss indicators currently collected by ITU including definitions;
- c) the need for new indicators and their collection methodology;
- d) the use of these indicators in policy making and regulation;
- e) to discuss challenges related to information society measurements, present possible solutions and identify technical assistance needs.

The workshop is addressed primarily to representatives of the national statistical system responsible for information society measurements and representatives of ministries and regulatory agencies who are producers and/or users of ICT statistics.

Our endeavor is to make the programme interactive through your support and active participation. The draft agenda is enclosed. The workshop will be conducted in English only. Information on the event is available at <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/conferences/>. Electronic contributions to the meeting on country experiences are solicited.

ITU will provide one full fellowship to one participant duly authorized by the respective ITU Administrations from Least Developed Countries in the Asia Pacific region, subject to available budget, to participate in this Workshop. The number of delegates from a country is not limited. However, the country will bear all costs of additional delegates. The registration form and fellowship form (if applicable), should be returned as soon as possible but not later than 5th October 2007.

Participants who require assistance to attend the Workshop should contact Ms. Porntip Modethes(Porntip.modethes@itu.int) or Mr. Ashish Narayan (ashish.narayan@itu.int) at the ITU Regional Office in Bangkok on telephone +66 2 574 8565, fax +66 2 574 9328.

I look forward to the active participation and invaluable contribution from your organization.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosures:

- Draft Agenda
- Registration Form
- Fellowship Form
- General Information for participants