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**Subject: 12th Meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and 9th Meeting of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH), to be held in virtual format, 13-17 September 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to nominate experts to participate in the 12th meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the 9th meeting of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH) from 13 to 17 September 2021.

In view of the continued global concern over the COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to ensure business continuity in the ITU Development Sector, while protecting the health and well-being of our delegates and staff, it has been decided to hold these meetings in virtual format. Considering time differences across regions, daily sessions will be held between 13h00 and 16h00, Geneva time.

The objective of these meetings is to examine the contributions received from members during the current working period, with a view to finalizing the items under discussion. The outcome of the discussions will be presented at the 18th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS).

The topics to be discussed during the EGTI meeting will include 5G indicators (with a focus on adoption and subscribers), over-the-top (OTT) applications and mobile money services (jointly with the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators).

The topics to be covered during the EGH meeting will include e-waste indicators in household surveys, child online protection and measuring mobile money (jointly with the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators).

The experience and expertise of your organization in the field of telecommunication/ICT statistics will greatly contribute to the success of these meetings. We therefore count on the presence of your experts and their valuable inputs to the discussions.

Further details concerning the meetings (including the agenda, registration and logistics) will be posted on the [EGH](#) and [EGTI](#) online discussion forums.

Registration to these virtual meetings is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively online via this [registration link](#).

Interpretation will be provided for these meetings and will be based on the requests of participants. At the time of registration, participants who require a language other than English must select their choice from the list on the form (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish). The deadline for requests for interpretation through the registration system is **30 July 2021 (23:59 hours Geneva time)**.

Delegates can register for the meetings using their ITU user account credentials (i.e. username and password). In case they do not have an ITU user account, they can create one by following the steps available [here](#).

For participants who have already created their user account when they registered for the previous EGTI and EGH meetings or any other recent ITU meeting, their user account is still valid.

For participants representing National Statistical entities, new information on their registration process will be posted on the [EGH](#) and [EGTI](#) online discussion forums.

The list of Designated Focal Points (DFPs) for registration can be found [here](#).

Instructions on how to connect to the platform for these virtual meetings will be sent to duly registered participants in a confirmation of registration e-mail.

For assistance, please contact: [BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int](mailto:BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int).

I hope your organization will be able to take part in these important meetings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your understanding and flexibility, and for your continued support. In the meantime, stay healthy, stay safe, and I wish you all courage in navigating this very difficult period.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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