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To: Ministers, ITU Member States

Subject: **Invitation to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2026 and the AI for Good Global Summit 2026**

Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to invite you to participate in two flagship events of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU): the [WSIS Forum 2026](#), to be held from 6 to 10 July and the [AI for Good Global Summit 2026](#), taking place from 7 to 10 July 2026 at Palexpo in Geneva, Switzerland with the opening ceremonies of both events taking place on 8 July 2026.

In addition, the inaugural Global Dialogue on AI Governance, established under the recent landmark UN General Assembly Resolution on AI, and hosted by the UN Secretary-General with a joint secretariat co-coordinated by ITU and UNESCO, will be held from 6 to 7 July, also at Palexpo.

WSIS is a multistakeholder United Nations (UN) process on digital governance and cooperation, with a vision of fostering people-centred, inclusive, and development-oriented information and knowledge societies. The adoption of [UNGA resolution \(A/RES/80/173\)](#) on 17 December 2025 renewed the mandate for the WSIS process until 2035. The annual WSIS Forum serves as the central multistakeholder convening platform mandated to advance the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines and support global digital cooperation. Anchored in the renewed UNGA mandate, the Forum remains the primary platform for dialogue, collaboration, and action, in response to rapidly emerging digital challenges.

As the leading UN platform on Artificial Intelligence (AI), the AI for Good Global Summit is organized by ITU in partnership with 53 UN agencies and co-convened with the Government of Switzerland. The mission of AI for Good is to unlock AI's potential to serve humanity. As a multi-stakeholder platform, AI for Good advances AI skills development, standards, policy exchanges, and responsible innovation.

Together, the WSIS Forum and the Summit have demonstrated their global reach and impact. In 2025, more than 11,000 participants from 169 countries, including over 100 Ministers and Regulators, more than 60 UN representatives, as well as Ambassadors, CEOs, civil society leaders, youth, technical experts, and academics walked through our conference and exhibitions halls at Palexpo, Geneva where both events were held together.

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the High-Level Track of the WSIS Forum 2026, scheduled for **8 and 9 July**, including a **ministerial roundtable on Thursday, 9 July**. At a time when emerging technologies are reshaping societies, this will provide an opportunity to reflect on the WSIS

outcomes review and share national and institutional perspectives. It will also allow for the renewal of your country's commitment to shaping a forward-looking policy and engaging in multistakeholder dialogue, to ensure that digital transformation delivers tangible benefits for all, especially the most vulnerable, so that no one is left behind.

Kindly submit your speaking slot request for the WSIS Forum 2026 using the following [link](#), no later than 1 May 2026.

Registration is open and available at www.wsis.org/forum

I also invite you to contribute to the [WSIS Fund in Trust 2026](#) and appreciate all contributors for their commitment to WSIS implementation. Your continued contributions are essential for sustaining the WSIS process and ensuring the success of its initiatives.

I look forward to your response and to the opportunity to welcome you to Geneva.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Secretary-General