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Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **first World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Follow-up Action Line Facilitation Meeting "E-business and E-employment"**, to be held on 17 May 2006 in Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXIII, from 15:00 to 18:00. The event is organized jointly by UNCTAD, the International Trade Centre (ITC) and the International Labour Organization (ILO), as mandated by paragraph 108 and the Annex of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, which call upon UN agencies to facilitate the implementation of the WSIS outcomes at the international level. The meeting will be held in conjunction with a number of WSIS follow-up events and with the meeting of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, all of which will take place in Geneva between 9 and 23 May 2006.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the multi-stakeholder follow-up and implementation of the WSIS outcomes, in particular with respect to e-business and e-employment. In this context, and given the close links between the topics, UNCTAD and the ILO, as the respective focal points, propose to merge the two action lines, thus addressing the broader issue of the information economy and its social implications. At the meeting, stakeholders will be invited to make proposals on the coordination of the implementation process, as well as to share relevant projects and programmes.

A draft agenda is attached along with a registration form. The meeting is open to all WSIS stakeholders interested or involved in e-business, e-employment and the information economy. The meeting will be held in English. Further information is available on <http://www.unctad.org/ecommerce/> and <http://www.itu.int/wsis/implementation/index.html>. For all other enquiries, please contact Susan Teltscher (tel: +41 22 917 55 09, fax: +41 22 917 0052, E-Mail: susan.teltscher@unctad.org).

Yours sincerely,
[signed]
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Secretary-General of UNCTAD

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