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Dear Mr. Beckstrom,

I have the pleasure to invite you to participate in a discussion on **“Enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet”**, which will take place 10:00-13:00, on 18 May 2010 in Geneva, during the 13th session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development(CSTD), to be held from 17-21 May 2010.

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2009/7, requests the United Nations Secretary-General to report to the Council, through the CSTD, on the progress made towards enhanced cooperation as called for in Paragraphs 69-71 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, one of the outcome documents adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). This discussion is organized in response to the request.

To this end, the "Report of the Secretary-General on Enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet" (E/2009/92) will be presented to the 13th session of the CSTD. This Report was prepared by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), based on annual performance reports of a number of key stakeholders on the steps they had undertaken towards enhanced cooperation on Internet-related public policy issues pertaining to the Internet. Your Organization was one of the entities which provided inputs to this Report in 2008. An electronic version of the Report is available at the following address:

<http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un-dpadm/unpan035383.pdf>

You may also be interested to attend a discussion on “the outcome of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) meeting in Sharm El Sheikh”, which will take place from 15:00-18:00, on the same day (18 May). A draft agenda is attached. Further information will be available on the website:

<http://www.unctad.org/cstd>

The presence of your Organization would be of great importance to these discussions. I look forward to welcoming you in Geneva.

Sincerely yours,

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Proposed organization of work

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item/discussion topic</i>	<i>Programme</i>
<i>Monday, 17 May</i>		
10 a.m.	1 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	Opening of the session
	2 Ministerial round table on the follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society	Introduction and general discussion
3 p.m.	2 Five-year overview of progress made in WSIS outcome implementation: Presentations by Heads of United Nations agencies and other stakeholders	General discussion with a professional moderator
<i>Tuesday, 18 May</i>		
10 a.m.	2 Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General on WSIS follow-up	Discussion
	2 Introduction and discussion of the report of the Secretary General on enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet	
3 p.m.	2 Discussion on the outcome of the IGF meeting in Sharm El Sheikh	
<i>Wednesday, 19 May</i>		
10 a.m.	Special session on "Gender, Science and Technology": contribution of the CSTD to the Economic and Social Council's Annual Ministerial Review on "Implementing the internationally agreed goals in regard to gender equality and empowerment of women"	
3 p.m.	3 Priority themes: (a) Improvements and innovations in existing financing mechanisms (b) New and emerging technologies	Introduction and general discussion

Thursday, 20 May

10 a.m.	STIP reviews	Introduction and general discussion
3 p.m.	STIP reviews	
	4 Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the twelfth session of the Commission	Introduction and general discussion
	Discussion on the draft resolutions	Consultations on draft proposals

Friday, 21 May

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Discussion on the draft resolutions	Consultations on draft proposals (concluded) Action on draft proposals
	5 Election of the Chair and other officers for the fourteenth session of the Commission	Nomination and election of officers
	6 Provisional agenda and documentation for the fourteenth session of the Commission	Adoption of the draft provisional agenda
	7 Adoption of the report of the Commission at its thirteenth session	Adoption of the report

Closure of the session