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**Information for business sector entities, including the private sector,
interested in participating in the work of CSTD regarding the follow-up
of WSIS**

1. At the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Tunis Summit in November 2005, Governments requested that the United Nations Economic and Social Council oversee the system-wide follow-up of the Geneva and Tunis outcomes of WSIS. To this end, Governments requested that the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 2006, review the mandate, agenda and composition of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), including considering the strengthening of the commission, taking into account the multi-stakeholder approach (Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, paragraph 105).
2. The Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of July 2006, in Resolution 2006/46, decided that the commission shall review and assess progress made in implementing the outcomes of the summit and advise the council thereon, including through the elaboration of recommendations to the council aimed at furthering the implementation of the summit outcomes, and that to that end, the commission shall:
 - (a) Review and assess progress at the international and regional levels in the implementation of action lines, recommendations and commitments contained in the outcome documents of the summit;
 - (b) Share best and effective practices and lessons learned and identify obstacles and constraints encountered, actions and initiatives to overcome them and important measures for further implementation of the summit outcomes;
 - (c) Promote dialogue and foster partnerships, in coordination with other appropriate United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, to contribute to the attainment of the summit objectives and the implementation of its outcomes and to use information and communication technologies for development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, with the participation of Governments, the private sector, civil society, the United Nations and other international organizations, in accordance with their different roles and responsibilities.
3. The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2007/216, dated 26 April 2007:
 - (a) Decided that, on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to existing rules of procedure, business sector entities including the private sector accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society may participate in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in accordance with the rules of procedure of the council; and
 - (b) Requested the secretariat of the commission to propose to the council lists of business sector entities including the private sector not accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society that express the wish to participate in the work of the Commission, for consideration

and approval by the council in a timely manner, to enable hem to participate, on an exceptional basis, in the work of the commission in accordance with the rules of procedure of the council.

4. The Economic and Social Council emphasized in the same resolution that the present decision is taken on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to the established rules of procedure of the United Nations. It further decided to review in 2010 the list and modalities of participation of business sector entities including the private sector in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

5. Therefore, the secretariat of CSTD would like to inform all business sector entities interested in WSIS follow-up, including the private sector, that:

- (a) All business entities accredited to WSIS may participate, on an exceptional basis and without prejudice to the existing Rules of Procedure, in the sessions of CSTD (at least until the review in 2010); and
- (b) The secretariat of CSTD has created a form called “Expression of interest”(see attachment 1), which allows for business sector entities including the private sector that were not accredited to WSIS to express their interest to participate in the work of the Commission. The secretariat will submit annually to the Economic and Social Council, for approval, a list of business sector entities/companies that were not accredited to WSIS and that have expressed their interest to participate in the work of the Commission. In case of doubt, if your business entity was accredited to WSIS, please check at the following site:
<http://www.itu.int/wsis/participation/accreditation/lists/business.pdf>.
This list does not contain the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) sector members that had automatic accreditation to WSIS. ITU sector members can participate in the work of the Commission (at least until the review in 2010).

6. The attached form should be sent to the secretariat of the commission, together with the documents requested in the form, **by 30 November 2007**. Forms that are received later will be kept pending for the next round of submission to the Economic and Social Council (once a year).

7. For any further information and questions, please refer to the secretariat of the commission, at the address indicated in the header on page 1.

Expression of interest

to participate in the work of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) regarding WSIS follow-up

(This form should be filled out in one of the United Nations languages)

Name of the business entity/company	
Address	
Country	
Phone and fax number	
E-mail	
Website	
Legal status/type (e.g. shareholder company, Ltd., etc)	
Year established	
Brief summary of the purpose and the activities of the business entity/company (10 lines maximum. This summary will be published in English in the list to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council. Therefore, please fill out carefully. Summaries in languages other than English will be translated by the secretariat.)	

Purpose of the business entity/company	
List of members of the governing body/board and countries of origin (nationality)	
Size of the business entity and geographical distribution, if applicable	
Activities in the field of the Information Society	

To complete this form, please send to the secretariat, together with this form, copies of the following documents:

- 1. Act of incorporation and constitution/bylaws/charter of the business entity/company**
- 2. Annual report, if available and, for public shareholder companies, the latest public financial statement.**

Information concerning the contact person:

Mr./Ms.

Surname:

First name:

Position:

Country:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Information on the person legally responsible for the business entity/company:

Mr./Ms.

Surname:

First name:

Position:

Country:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Please review, sign and stamp this statement, and send it to the address of the secretariat of the commission mentioned in the header on page 1:

I confirm that the above information is true and complete. I understand that the above expression of interest is subject to review and approval by the Economic and Social Council, in line with its decisions.

I further understand that the rights to participation are determined by the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and that approval of participation by the Economic and Social Council does not entitle or imply any financial support for the participation.

Signature

Stamp

Name and title

Place and date:

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