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His Excellency Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile
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Subject: World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum substantive inputs to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2022

Sir,

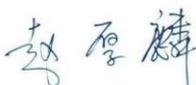
I have the pleasure to submit the WSIS Forum inputs document to the thematic review of the HLPF 2022 that covers aspects of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the various actions and cooperation for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The annual [WSIS Forum](#), hosted by ITU and co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD, is a global multistakeholder platform facilitating the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines for advancing sustainable development. The Forum is also organized in close collaboration with all WSIS Action Line co-facilitators and other UN organizations (FAO, ILO, ITC, UNDESA, UNEP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNITAR, UNODC, UPU, UNU, UN Women, WFP, WHO, WIPO, WMO and UN Regional Commissions). It provides an opportunity for information exchange, knowledge creation and sharing of best practices, while identifying emerging trends and fostering partnerships, taking into account the evolving Information and Knowledge Societies. The WSIS Forum builds upon the outcomes of the UN General Assembly Overall Review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes (UNGA Resolution 70/125) that recognized the necessity of holding this Forum on an annual basis and called for a close alignment between the WSIS Process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In addition to the WSIS Forum contribution to the HLPF 2022, it is my pleasure to submit the following documents that are available online at <http://www.itu.int/go/wsis2021outcomes> as input for the HLPF 2022:

1. WSIS Forum 2021: Outcome Document
2. WSIS Forum 2021: High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
3. WSIS Forum 2021 Report: WSIS Action Lines and SDGs - Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19
4. WSIS Forum 2021 and SDG Matrix
5. WSIS Stocktaking Report 2021
6. WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories 2021
7. WSIS Stocktaking ICT Case Repository: The Coronavirus Response Special Report

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration,


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