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Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **second World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Action Line Facilitation Meeting on "E-business and E-employment"**, to be held on **24 May 2007** in Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXIII. 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, scheduled between 14 and 25 May, and the meeting of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, which will take place between 21 and 25 May.

The meeting will focus on the theme **"ICTs, Global Supply Chains and Development"**. It will explore the role of technology and innovation in supply chains, the measures that policy makers, enterprises and trade organizations can adopt to exploit the opportunities of greater market access and strengthen enterprise competitiveness, the labour market implications and the costs and benefits of such changes. At the meeting, group discussions will be organized on the themes of *"Globalization, market segmentation and the restructuring of industries"*, and *"Innovation as a competitive advantage in the value chain"*. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to share ideas and best practices and to propose suggestions for action on each theme. The outcome of the meeting will be disseminated to WSIS stakeholders involved in the implementation of the WSIS action lines.

The meeting is open to all WSIS stakeholders interested or involved in e-business, e-employment and the information economy. WSIS stakeholders are invited to submit papers on the issue by 15 May 2007. The meeting will be held in English. Further information, including on the registration process, is available on (<http://r0.unctad.org/ecommerce/> and <http://www.itu.int/wsis/implementation/>). For all other enquiries, please contact Cécile Barayre (tel: +41 22 917 53 69, fax: +41 22 917 0052, E-Mail: cecile.barayre@unctad.org).

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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- Governments
- Private Sector
- Civil Society
- International Organizations