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**Objet:** **WSIS Forum 2020 New Dates: 31 August - 4 September 2020, Geneva, Switzerland**

**Date:** 5 mars 2020 à 18:47:07 UTC+1

**À:** "raymond.morel@gmail.com" <raymond.morel@gmail.com>

Dear Mr. Raymond Morel,

On behalf of ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD, we would like to inform you that due to recent developments concerning the COVID-19 virus, we have decided to postpone the WSIS Forum 2020 ([www.wsis.org/forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum)) to later in the year. The Forum will take place from the **31<sup>st</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020** and will remain in Geneva, Switzerland at the same venue, ITU Headquarters.

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, the Government of Switzerland announced and put into effect a ban on large-scale events involving more than 1,000 people. The ban is slated to last until 15<sup>th</sup> March at the earliest, and the weeks leading up to the 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April are uncertain at best. ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all staff and participants, and therefore we are proactively shifting the Forum to 31<sup>st</sup> August- 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

As the co-organizers, ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP will continue with the Forum preparations and remain fully committed to the success of the WSIS Forum 2020. We thank you for your interest and the preparation towards the Forum. Kindly noted that all registrations received so far will remain valid.

We recognize that momentum has already begun to build in preparation for this event, and we are working to develop a plan to continue your meaningful engagement from now until the WSIS Forum 2020.

We will continue to closely observe the situation in partnership with the Swiss authorities, the international UN system and the World Health Organization.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and look forward to welcoming you to Geneva from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Sincerely,

WSIS Forum 2020 Team



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