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Dear Madam, Sir

**What are the opportunities and risks of 'low-cost devices for education' initiatives? What is the way forward?**

UNESCO and *infoDev* (The World Bank) would like to invite you to participate in the 'Low-cost Devices for Education' meeting taking place in the ITU, Geneva, Switzerland from 21-22 May 2008. This meeting will be open to all and will be an opportunity to learn the latest about numerous devices and share information about applications, experiences and approaches. More importantly, the event is designed to request input and invite collaboration in designing a series of activities (sponsored research, capacity building and outreach, needs assessments, evaluation tools) to help build consensus around common sets of practical issues and challenges with regard to low-cost devices, and to help aid all of our work.

Partners and stakeholders from international organizations, private companies, universities, financial institutions, and civil society will join this event, which will take place alongside the follow-up meetings on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in Geneva.

The meeting will take be held at the office of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) on 21 May. Results from this meeting will be reported on and discussed during the official WSIS consultation meeting on e-learning (C7) at the ITU, on the afternoon of 22 May.

The attached draft agenda gives you more details on the objectives of the meeting and topics of discussion. You may register for these meetings at <http://www.itu.int/cgi-bin/htsh/edrs/ITU-SG/edrs21/edrs.registration.form> please note that you will need to check two boxes, one for each day:

- 21 May 2008 -Open consultative meeting on low-cost devices for education (ITU, room B2)
- 22 May pm - 3rd Facilitation Meeting on Action Line C7 e-learning, including low-cost devices for education (ITU, room A).

Both meetings are open to all stakeholders; we look forward to seeing you in Geneva soon.

Yours sincerely,

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