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Side event on the occasion of the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

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and

21st Century Fox, AT&T, Google, Intel, Microsoft, and Verisign

are pleased to invite you to an

Informal Discussion and Information Sharing Session on

Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development: Fostering the Information Society to support the implementation of Agenda 2030

Wednesday, 20th July 2016, from 1:15 - 2:45 p.m

Conference Room F (United Nations Headquarters)

Information and communications technologies (ICTs) have a critical role to play in enabling the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including empowering people globally to exercise their fundamental rights. Governments recognized this role in the 2015 ten-year review of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS+10), which

reiterated need to realize “a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society,” and the importance of eradicating poverty and hunger, and ensuring economic, social, and technological progress.

Following the WSIS+10 review, a number of interlocking issues continue to present themselves to the global community. How can we build upon the progress of the last 10 years to further extend affordable access to the next three billion? How can we facilitate a diversity of expression online, and the content needed to ensure that the Internet is relevant to all peoples? How can we ensure that human rights are protected and respected online? How can we address the digital divide in a meaningful way to ensure that no one is left behind?

The purpose of this session will be to bring together a diverse group of delegates from Member States and other stakeholder groups to discuss how investments in ICTs are linked to the realization of the SDGs and promotion of fundamental human rights. Discussion will focus on how governments and business have been working together to foster investment in ICTs, expand access, generate new content, and ensure that all can benefit from the Information Society. The session will also consider the UNGA’s role and how these issues can be usefully considered within the context of the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

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***Light lunch will be provided from 1:00pm**