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The Director-General

To all WSIS stakeholders
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Dear Sir/Madam,

UNESCO is one of the lead facilitating agencies for the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Action Lines. In accordance with the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society and following the consultation of possible Action Line Moderators/Facilitators (Geneva, 24 February 2006) which assigned UNESCO the role of interim focal point for several Action Lines, it is my pleasure to invite you to a multistakeholder consultation meeting on E-science (WSIS Action Line 7, ICT Applications).

This consultation meeting will be held on 22 October 2006 at the China Resources Hotel (Beijing Hunrun Hotel), Beijing, China.

The Tunis Agenda for the Information Society recognizes that "it is now time to move from principles to action, (...) identifying those areas where progress has been made, is being made, or has not taken place" (paragraph I). Accordingly, the consultation meeting aims to:

- facilitate the initial contacts and sharing of information among multistakeholders on their priorities and expertise in the implementation of each Action Line;

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- consolidate a team of stakeholders for each Action Line;
- designate facilitator(s) moderator(s) for the multistakeholder teams; and
- agree on the working methods of the multistakeholder teams, including their activities and expected outcomes.

All documents of the consultation meetings, as well as the online registration form, are available on the website: <http://www.unesco.org/webworld/wsis>.

I look forward to your participation in this important event.

Yours faithfully,


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