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Dear Mr. Marby,

I have great pleasure to inform you that the twentieth annual session of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) will be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, from 8 to 12 May 2017. CSTD is the highest intergovernmental advisory body in the United Nations system on science, technology and innovation (STI) for development, and will bring together ministers, government representatives and other high-level delegates. In this context, I am pleased to invite you to participate in the High-level Roundtable entitled *Review of progress made in the implementation of World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes*, which will take place from 3 to 6 p.m., on 8 May 2017.

The Roundtable will provide an opportunity for high-level participants to exchange experiences, with a view to sharing best and effective practices and lessons learned in WSIS implementation. The focus will be on the role of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in helping new innovation approaches to support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By way of background, the United Nations General Assembly held a High-level Meeting in New York in December 2015 for an overall review of WSIS implementation. Its outcome document, resolution A/RES/70/125, called for close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development highlighting the cross-cutting contribution of ICTs to the SDGs and poverty eradication.

A provisional annotated agenda for the CSTD meeting is attached. Replies may be sent to the Division on Technology and Logistics, e-mail: stdev@unctad.org, which also remains available to your office for any further information required.

I very much hope that you will be in a position to accept this invitation and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mukhisa Kituyi'.

Mukhisa Kituyi
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