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Dear Stakeholders

The Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services (DTPS) wishes to invite your organization to the Information Communication and Technology (ICT) Accessibility Symposium to be hosted in February 2016 in Mpumalanga Province. We would also like to invite your organization to be part of the interactive exhibition where you would be invited to exhibit ICT related information and products available to persons with disabilities.

The overall aim of the symposium is to discuss the role of ICTS in the elimination of barriers to access by persons with disabilities and to promote an approach of mainstreaming disability perspective in ICT policy formulation processes and implementation thereof.

It is further to discuss jointly varies measures to be deploy to improve on accessibility and usability of ICT facilities, products and equipment including assistive devices and technologies to persons with disabilities.

It is also to provide feedback to the Disability Sector and on the implementation of the Disability and ICT Strategy as well as the Youth and ICT Strategy to the Youth Sector that was jointly launched by the Minister of the then Department of Communications now Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services in November 2012.

The Key expected outcomes objectives of the Symposium is the following:

- To provide an interactive platform for the disability and ICT sectors to engage on matters pertaining to ICT Accessibility
- To report on the work of the National ICT Forum with particular emphasis on the Disability and ICT Chamber
- To Report on progress with the ICT Policy Review and its impact on persons with disabilities
- To report on progress in regard to the implementation of the Broadband Policy and its impact on persons with disabilities

ICT Accessibility Symposium Details are as follows:

Date: 03 to 05 February 2016

Time: 10h00 to 15h30

Venue: Protea Winkler Hotel, White River Mpumalanga Province

Please note that there will be an interactive exhibition parallel to the symposium that will be open from 08h00 to 16h30

Please confirm attendance with Ms Kgobi Mokone [(012) 427 8037 or kmokone@dtps.gov.za] or Ms T Mdlalose (012)427 8034 or tmdlalose@dtps.gov.za on Wednesday 20 January 2016. **Please find attached the confirmation sheet that must be completed and return to the DTPS as indication of your attendance or nonattendance to the symposium.**

We look forward to your positive response to this invitation and your participation at the ICT Accessibility Symposium in Mpumalanga Province.

Kind regards



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