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Do you trust online transactions?

Take part in a survey marking World Telecommunication Day
and World Information Society Day

In today's increasingly networked world, we are vulnerable to deliberate attacks on critical information infrastructure that could have devastating effects on economies, societies — and individuals. What impact is this having on confidence in the internet? Are fears of identity theft, the misuse of sensitive personal data and other online fraud having an impact on people's willingness to conduct online financial transactions? To what extent are businesses and consumers willing to take risks in order to reap the benefits of the internet?

As part of its activities for World Telecommunication Day, ITU is conducting a worldwide survey to assess users' trust of online transactions and awareness of cybersecurity measures. The data collected will be used to increase global awareness of cybersecurity, particularly in developing countries. Being able to assess the level of trust in the internet should also help decision-makers in reviewing national and corporate strategies.

The survey is available at <http://www.itu.int/newsroom/wtd/2006/survey/index.html>. While it will remain online for some time, preliminary

results will be announced on 17 May, based on input received before noon (UTC) on 8 May 2006.

New ITU cybersecurity portal

Security and trust issues are already beginning to have an adverse impact on economic development. There is an urgent need to improve the situation and for this reason, *Promoting Global Cybersecurity* is the theme for this year's World Telecommunication Day on 17 May. That date also marks the first World Information Society Day, as decided by the United Nations General Assembly on 27 March 2006.

ITU will celebrate the occasion by launching on its website a new portal that is dedicated to cybersecurity. This will act as a gateway to relevant websites worldwide and serve as an easy-to-use information resource on national and international initiatives.

The web portal will be geared towards four specific audiences (civil

society, businesses, governments, and international organizations) and will be structured around five main themes:

- information sharing on national approaches, good practice and guidelines
- developing monitoring, warning and incident response capabilities
- technical standards and industry solutions
- harmonizing national legal approaches, and coordination of international law
- privacy, data and consumer protection.

Building confidence in ICT

On 15–16 May 2006, ITU will hold a meeting in Geneva to discuss implementation of an action line resulting from the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). Action Line C5 focuses on "Building confidence and security in the use of ICT." The meeting will discuss ways to promote partnership activities to accomplish this goal. In addition, it will look at how developing countries can be more involved in global cybersecurity activities and initiatives. ■

