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Dear Mr. Al-Agtash,

I wish to thank you for all of the work done this past year by *ICT for Education* as a Community of Expertise of GAID. Congratulations on everything that you have achieved thus far, your continued work and involvement are critical to the success and development of the Alliance. Your accomplishments and contribution to GAID objectives were fully recognized by the GAID Steering Committee and the Strategy Council at their annual meetings in Monterrey, Mexico.

I am pleased to announce that two new GAID Communities of Expertise were approved during the annual meetings in Monterrey. BluMail (Lead: BluWorld) is a global email, education, networking, jobs, entrepreneurship and activism portal for millions who will be coming online in developing countries. Established as an alliance of NGO, private sector and United Nations organizations, it seeks to inspire new email users in developing countries and raise their awareness of the international development agenda, including the MDGs.

The second new community, Green IT, (Lead: Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Egypt) will allow public authorities, NGOs, private sector and all other stakeholders to identify the potential of using ICTs to address and improve environmental challenges, and to share knowledge and best practices about successful use of ICTs in environmental sustainability and socio-economic development. It also aims at extending the outreach of the different policies, programs and initiatives addressing climate change and to promote smooth communication and collaboration between the various stakeholders.

Please do not hesitate to contact these two new communities for partnerships and collaborative activities as these GAID communities are meant to be inclusive and available to our members.

Let me take this opportunity to stress that the GAID Secretariat is fully committed to support your work. More importantly, the broader GAID community is also available for further collaboration and cooperation and you should never hesitate to reach out to them for anything that your work requires. The Secretariat is always available to facilitate such communication and collaboration. The GAID online platform is intended to be used for this sort of partnership building and collaborative works and we'd like to encourage your Community to get involved in the ongoing discussions and other activities there. (<http://un-gaid.ning.com/>) Please let us know how we can facilitate your effective use of the online collaborative networking tools available on this site.

I look forward to working together with you in the coming year to help bring your Community of Expertise and the work of the GAID community to a new level of global outreach and results.

Yours sincerely,

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