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To Participants of the India Skills Report 2017

The annual India Skills Report provide a comprehensive analysis of the skills gaps across different employable groups in India. The India Skills Report 2016 reached out to over 3,000 educational campuses and assessed over 500,000 students in 29 states and 7 union territories from prominent universities and professional institutes in the country.

The annual reports are a result of a partnership between the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Wheebox (Global Online Talent Assessment Company), PeopleStrong, LinkedIn and The Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

The United Nations Development Programme in India is partnering with the consortium in producing the 2017 Report because of a shared need to focus on complex issues relating to skill development and employment of women. We welcome your participation in Wheebox Employability Skill Test (WEST) that assesses candidates on Cognitive Abilities, Behavioural Traits & Domain Knowledge, request all universities and institutes of excellence to do whatever possible to encourage maximum participation of women in this evidence-generating exercise by registering at www.wheebox.com/west/undp.

Mindful of the important role the private sector plays in enhancing employability, we request participating companies to identify factors that could contribute to ensuring equitable access of women to decent jobs.

We look forward to your contribution in making the India Skills Report 2017 an important instrument to advance the cause of gender equity in India's employment and growth story.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Clement Chauvet', is centered above the printed name.

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