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Circular letter to:

- Member States
- Associate Members

Subject: Invitation to the 3rd African Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-21 and the 1st Preparatory Meeting for ITU-PP-22 (Virtual) hosted by South Africa from 2 to 6 August, 2021.

The African Telecommunications Union (ATU) is delighted to invite you to participate at ATU Preparatory Meetings (APMs) of the next ITU World Conferences respectively: The World Telecommunication Development Conference "WTDC-21" and the Conference of Plenipotentiaries "PP-22" to be hosted by South Africa as virtual/online meetings from **2 - 4 August 2021** and **5 - 6 August, 2021** respectively.

1. WTDC-21 session:

- During the first ATU preparatory meeting for WTDC-21, kindly hosted and Chaired by Sudan in October 2020, the meeting mainly focused on the implementation of the WTDC-17 results, identified the key topics to be addressed by the WTDC-21 and the preparatory process of the WTDC-21. It also established two ATU Working Groups to conduct the preparations of the Conference. The second meeting was organized in March 2021 jointly with ITU as the Regional Preparatory Meeting (RPM) and Chaired by Burkina Faso. The highlights of the agenda were the progress of projects launched under regional initiatives, an update by ITU-D regional office on the WTDC-21 preparations and overview of the TDAG discussions. The meeting also considered the preliminary outcomes of the work done by the 2 established working groups as follows: the draft Addis declaration, the proposed ITU-D thematic priorities and the updated regional initiatives for Africa, revised WTDC Res.1 as well as Study questions for the next period.
- The objective of this 3rd Preparatory meeting is to formulate the final documents of the African common proposals reflecting the new challenges of ICTs in Africa and the mechanisms that will help to accelerate and promote the sustainable development of the continent. These proposals will be submitted within the deadline provided before the Conference which will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 05 to 16 June 2022 and will also consider the African candidatures to the various positions for TADG and SG1&2 and to adopt the coordination mechanisms of the Africa group during WTDC-21.

2. Preparations for ITU PP-22,

- This session will consider implementation of the results of PP-18, with emphasis on key international trends that have occurred after that conference and establish the necessary structure of the PP-22 regional preparations to develop the African common proposals, positions and contribution to the agenda of the Conference. This will enhance Africa's efforts of defending the common positions supported in the last PP and to strengthen the Africa group's cohesion in advising on issues of common interest.

In this regard, I would like to invite your Administration/Organization to designate your representative(s) to attend and participate in the two preparatory meetings in particular, we would like to encourage Member States to nominate experts who have been attending ITU-D and TDAG related meetings and those involved in the preparations for ITU Plenipotentiary Conferences in order to take leadership positions and enhance the deliberations.

The contributions of Member States and Associate Members are essential and decisive for the success of these meetings. For compilation and distribution to the other members, the contributions must be sent to the ATU General Secretariat no later than **26 July 2021**, in electronic format and preferably by email to sg@atuuat.africa with Copy to: a.koech@atuuat.africa and m.slimani@atuuat.africa.

Participants are kindly requested to register via a simple registration through the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsd-ChrDwuEtUxZoWpjYT11_dDTFUP-mQz.

After registering, they will receive a confirmation email containing the login link to the meeting.

The working language of these events will be English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

Please find attached to this invitation, the draft agenda for the two meetings. Kindly note that all information will be made available as soon as possible on the ATU website: www.atuuat.africa.

I look forward to the participation of your administration/organization.

Yours Faithfully,



John OMO
General Secretary



Draft agenda for the WTDC APM21-3 and PP APM-1