



Resolution No. 05/AC-22/2021
on the theme of African Telecommunications/ICT Day 7th December 2021

The Administrative Council of the African Telecommunications Union, meeting in its 22nd Ordinary Session held virtually from 02 to 04 of June 2021;

Considering that African Telecommunications/ICT Day (ATD) is celebrated annually on the 7th of December to mark the founding of the Union;

Conscious of the significance of celebrating this day in the history of the Union and the impact of its properly planned programmes may have on the drive for ICT awareness and applications;

Having considered Document No **AC/22/D20** proposed by the General Secretariat on the theme of this year's African Telecommunications/ICT Day;

Aware of an emerging reality of 4IR and Cyberspace technologies and nations and regions are implementing programs and strategies to harness the opportunities in this new domain;

Conscious that Africa needs e-skills as a core set of skills in equipping and preparing all citizens to be ready for 4IR, desirous to compete among other regions in harnessing the emerging opportunities;

Cognisant of the lack of these skills as a barrier to growth, employment, and social inclusion in Africa;
Considering the important role ICT plays in the development of economic activities as well in addressing issues of infrastructure and supportive policies and strategies at the national, regional and global levels;

Decides to approve the theme for this year: ***“Digital Skills Development for Africa’s Digital Transformation”*** to be celebrated on 7th December 2021;

Instructs the Secretary General to notify the Member States of the approved theme to enable them plan activities to celebrate the day;

Further instructs the Secretary General to draw up a programme for the celebration and ensure that this programme reflects the role of ICT in its contribution to keep people connected;

Further instructs the Secretary General to make use of various media platforms and other avenues to publicise the celebration of the ATU day;

Calls upon members to dedicate 7th December 2021 to reflect on the e-skills development in the context of the e-skills framework developed by ATU;

Calls upon Member States to organise events to celebrate the day in their respective countries and send a report to the General Secretariat;

Instructs the Secretary General to present a report to the 23rd Ordinary Session of the Council on the activities and results of the celebration.