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Circular letter to:

- Member States
- Associate Members

Re: Invitation to the 4th ATU Preparatory Meeting for WTSA-20, hosted (online) by Ghana from 27 September to 1st October, 2021 (12H00- 15H00 EAT)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 4th ATU Preparatory Meeting for World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20) organized in collaboration with International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and kindly hosted by the National Communication Authority (NCA) of Ghana from – 27 September to 1st October, 2021 back to back with 2 validation workshops of e-skilling model framework for Africa and IPv6 migration strategy for Africa.

As you are aware, the next WTSA-20 is due to take place in Hyderabad, India from 1st to 9th March 2022 preceded by the Global Standards Symposium on 28th February 2022 and as such, Africa needs to intensify its efforts to finalize the preparations on issues of concern to the continent with regard to the WTSA-20 agenda so as to submit to the Assembly for consideration in due time.

As you may recall, the 3rd preparatory meeting for WTSA-20 that took place in Accra Ghana in July 2020 was not able to finalize the formulation of all the proposals to the Assembly in view of the new contributions that were received and therefore the need for the final meeting to prepare adequately and ensure that the proposals to the Assembly are concluded. It is therefore important that these issues and many others are followed through in order for the region to come up with strong African Common Proposals and positions to the Assembly.

The third meeting held in July 2020 also deliberated on the candidatures to various ITU-T Study Groups and the TSAG and Member States were encouraged to send their proposals in accordance with the circular letter of the ITU-T which was sent to all the Member States on 3rd September 2020. Countries wishing to nominate candidate(s) were requested to send the names of their nominees with their respective CVs to ITU with a copy to the General Secretariat for compilation and harmonization. As we are preparing to attend the Assembly, we also seek Members who are willing to appoint their representatives for the various WTSA-20 committees, to submit the candidatures to the ATU Secretariat for coordination purposes.

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Regarding the side events, ATU will hold back to back with the meeting, two (2) validation Workshops respectively on e-skill model framework and IPv6 migration strategy for Africa. In line with its Strategic plan 2018-2022, ATU undertook studies to respond to challenges and needs of the continent with objective to achieve the digital transformation goals to meet the needs for the growing digital market. The objective of the 2 workshops is to consider the studies attached to this letter, and validate the proposed implementation roadmaps and recommendations and agree on the way forward.

This letter therefore serves to request your Administration/Organization to nominate suitable representative(s) to attend this meeting; giving due consideration of the need for consistency particularly for those who have participated in the previous preparatory meetings. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage the participation of women in the preparatory work as part of your delegation to these meetings.

Registration can be done through the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMudu2ggjMuGNIpl448zhQnpMZU6TbumUnC>.

New contributions from Member States, Associate Members and International/Regional Organizations on agenda items are also welcome. Documents to be considered by the meeting should be submitted before **15th September, 2021** in electronic form preferably by email to ATU General Secretariat on email: sg@atuuat.africa with a copy to m.slimani@atuuat.africa for compilation and circulation to all the members for comments and input. We encourage active participation of all for the success of this meeting.

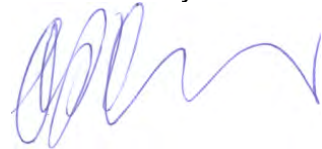
The provisional agenda is attached for your use. You are encouraged to keep checking the website: www.atuuat.africa for more information.

On sidelines of the preparatory meeting, ATU will also host the ITU-T SG17-AFR e-meeting on 28th September from 10.30 am to 12.30 (EAT time). To participate, please register at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdu6oqjwsEtYziWdLqTzIGeLWGpdeQO97>

The meetings will be conducted in both English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

We look forward to the participation of your representatives to this meeting.

Yours faithfully,



John OMO
Secretary General



Attachments: Draft Agenda