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Circular letter to Member States & Associate Members

Re: Invitation to the Ministerial Forum to commemorate the African Telecoms/ICT Day on 7th December 2021

We are honoured and pleased to invite you to the Ministerial Roundtable forum to commemorate the 2021 African Telecoms/ICT Day. The event with the theme, "Digital Skills Development for Africa's Digital Transformation," is scheduled to take place online on 7th December 2021 from 11:00 AM- 12.30 PM EAT.

The African Telecoms/ICT Day is an annual event that falls on 7th December of every year with the aim of commemorating the establishment of the African Telecommunication Union. Each year, the ATU Administrative Council sets the commemoration theme usually based on a proposal from the ATU General Secretariat. Commemoration activities in African countries are then planned around the set theme. It is our anticipation that this round table forum will bring together ICT policy makers and regulators from the region with each of the sub-regions having a representative at the ministerial level to debate on the theme with a futuristic approach.

This year's theme primarily stems from the widely agreed notion on the urgent need for Africa to equip and prepare her citizens with the right digital skills for the uptake of emerging technologies such as 4IR for the socio-economic benefit of the continent. The theme is also consistent with Pillar 4 of the ATU 2019-2022 Strategic Plan on promotion of innovation, talent, and e-Skills development.

Accordingly, the event will see countries showcase the steps they are undertaking to build the digital skills of their population and inspire the use of ICTs.

As a representative of our Member State, this letter acknowledges our valued relationship and it will therefore be our distinguished honour to have you at the forum.

To participate at the forum, kindly use this link to register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lfuCpqjlqGtM5x3yO9hF2stDi54qn4lJT

Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to enable you join the meeting. Looking forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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