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General Secretariat / *Secrétariat Général* : Nairobi

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Ref: 088/05/ATU/PC/CIR-2022

- Circular letter to: ATU Member States

Re: Invitation to the 6th Ordinary Session of the ATU Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL-22) Algiers, Algeria, 25 -26 July, 2022

I have the pleasure to invite you to the 6th Ordinary Session of the African Telecommunications Union Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL-22) which will be held in Algiers, Algeria from 25 – 26 July, 2022 at the kind acceptance of the Government of Algeria to host the Conference and related meetings.

The CPL-22 will be preceded by three (03) other related meetings, namely:

- Special Session of the Administrative Council from 18 – 19 July, 2022;
- 3rd Regional Preparatory Meeting for ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (ITU PP-22) 20 – 21 July, 2022; and,
- Conference Preparatory Committee (CPC) from 22 – 23 (half day on 23rd) July, 2022.

May I also draw your kind attention to the following issues: relevant provisions of the Union's Constitution & Convention in force: -

(i) Proposals for the work of the conference

In order to ensure timely publication of and consideration by all Member States, proposals from Member States to amend the ATU Constitution and Convention and comments on the draft Strategic Plan for the period 2023-2027 should reach the Secretary-General not later than **25th June, 2022**. The Secretary-General shall, as soon as possible, circulate the information so received to all Member States.

(ii) Elections

- (a) The Plenipotentiary Conference will elect the Secretary-General for the period 2023-2027. As a follow up to my circular letter Ref.: 027/02/ATU/PC/CIR-2022 dated 11th February, 2022 announcing a vacancy for the position, I wish to remind countries wishing to nominate a candidate to inform the General Secretariat of such candidature in writing through the diplomatic channels keeping in mind the conditions in Article 3 of the convention. As indicated in my letter, the candidature must reach the General Secretariat not later than **27th June, 2022**.

Further, any Member State of the Union wishing to present a candidate should have no outstanding contributions at the date of election, failing which the candidature of its national shall be rejected by the Conference.

- (b) The Plenipotentiary Conference will also elect the Member States that will constitute the ATU Administrative Council for 2023-2027 period. You are hereby reminded to inform the General Secretariat in writing of your country's wish to present its candidature for a seat on the Administrative Council within the timeline provided in my letter Ref.: 051/03/ATU/PC/CIR-2022 of 31st March 2022, namely by 27th June 2022.

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(iii) **Exercise of right**

- (a) In order to be able to exercise sovereign rights in full at the CPL, Member States must ensure that they have maintained the right to vote. In accordance with Article 8 (8.2) of the Convention, a Member State shall lose the right to vote if it fails to honour its financial obligations for a period of two (2) consecutive years. Likewise, in accordance with Article 5(5.1) of the Convention, delegations representing Member States at the CPL must be **duly accredited** by the Head of State or Government, or the Minister responsible for Foreign Affairs to enable them exercise the right to vote.
- (b) In conformity with Article 5(5.3) of the Convention, a Member State who is unable to send its own delegation to the Conference, may give the delegation of another Member State powers to vote and sign on its behalf.

(iv) **ITU PP-22**

Finally, the CPL-22 in Algiers will precede the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (ITU-PP-22) due to be held in Bucharest, Romania from 26th September – 14th October 2022. Consequently, it will be an opportune moment during the 2nd Regional Preparatory Meeting for ITU PP-22 to harmonize the many important issues pertaining to telecommunication/ICT development, regionally, and globally, with a view to adopting African Common Positions/Proposal (ACP's), for the work of ITU PP-22 during the 3rd preparatory meeting.

Register to attend via: <https://www.atuuat.africa/atu-cpl-22-hosted-by-algeria/registration22/>

I have attached herein the CPC and CPL-22 Agenda for your kind attention. Further details about the Conference and related meetings will be available on the ATU website: <http://www.atuuat.africa>.

I look forward to welcoming you to Algiers.

Yours Sincerely,



John OMO
Secretary General



Attachments:

- Draft agenda for CPL-22 and CPC