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**Mr. John Omo**  
Secretary-General  
African Telecommunications Union  
P. O. Box 35282-00200  
**NAIROBI**

Dear

*Mr. Omo,*

**RE: KENYA'S CANDIDATURE FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY GENERAL  
OF THE AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION FOR 2023 TO 2026  
PERIOD**

I refer to your circular letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Ref.: 027/02/ATU/PC/CIR-2022 inviting member states to submit candidatures for the position of Secretary General of the African Telecommunication Union, in line with Article 3(1) of the ATU Constitution and Convention, Cape Town December 1999, Rev Harare, 2014.

I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Kenya has decided to present the candidature of Mr. John Omo for re-election to the position of Secretary-General of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) for the period 2023-2026.

Mr. John Omo is the current Secretary-General ATU. Serving for the last four years, he has maintained a strategic view of the future of Africa and has remained committed to



pursuing and achieving the development of telecommunications/ICTs for Africa's digital transformation.

He has passionately and actively promoted the strategic rollout of African ICT programmes and projects that resonate with the practical realities of the African ICT ecosystem. He has also spearheaded the harmonization of the licensing, policy, and regulatory frameworks as a strategic move for accelerated infrastructural development.

Mr. Omo is widely recognized for his pragmatism, dedication to work and professionalism. We are therefore confident that if re-elected to the post, Mr. Omo will continue to effectively steer the continental agenda on ICT development.

Kenya remains an active member of the African Telecommunications Union and will continue to render support for the growth of the ICT sector in Africa.

Attached is the Mr. Omo's profile and curriculum vitae for your reference.

Please accept, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours

  
**JOE MUCHERU, EGH  
CABINET SECRETARY**

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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Name - John OMO  
Birth/Nationality - 26<sup>th</sup> August, 1967/Kenyan  
Health - Good  
Marital Status - Married with two sons and a daughter  
E-mail - [j.omo@atuuat.africa](mailto:j.omo@atuuat.africa)

### **LANGUAGES**

Dholuo, English, Kiswahili, elementary French

### **MY VISION AND MISSION**

I have a **Vision** of an Africa region actively stamping a strong footprint on the global economy aided by advancement and greater uptake of digital technologies. In order to achieve this vision I commit to the **mission** of focusing energies and resources on strengthening ATU International Institutional Capacity and building on Strategic Partnerships.

### **EDUCATION**

1997: Master of Laws Degree (with distinction) in International and Commercial Law, University of Sheffield, UK  
1994: Diploma, Human Rights Law, UN Human Rights Centre, Geneva and ILO Centre Turin  
1991: Diploma in Law, Kenya School of Law  
1990: Bachelor of Laws Degree (Upper Second Class) University of Nairobi  
1991-date: Other various Certificate Courses

### **WORK EXPERIENCE (30+ YEARS HANDS-ON)**

**2019 – to date:** The Secretary General, African telecommunications Union (ATU)  
elected during the Conference of Plenipotentiaries held in Nairobi

## **Key Responsibilities**

1. Providing leadership in the management of day-to-day activities of the Union;
2. Exploring opportunities for maximizing synergies among Member States and Associate members;
3. Strengthening and expanding programs for collaboration among key stakeholder groups

**1999 - 2018** Director, Legal Services, Communications Authority of Kenya (CA), responsible for leadership of Legal and Board secretarial services.

**1991-2000** Senior State Counsel, Attorney-General's Chambers, responsible for, inter alia, drafting, vetting of local and international instruments, agreements and treaties, representing Government in civil and arbitration matters, researches on policy and legal issues.

**1999- 2001** Part-time law Lecturer, United States International University – Africa (USIU), Nairobi

**1991** Legal Assistant in a Law Firm.

## **SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS**

- 1) At ATU, and apart from managing the day-to-day activities of the Union in accordance to the Strategic Plan 2019-2022, I have dedicated my mandate to impactful touch-and-feel projects in partnership with the Member States and other stakeholders in the three sectors of the Union: Radiocommunication, Standardization and Development. To date we have:
  - o launched a number of Spectrum recommendations including: Spectrum audit; Spectrum licensing for mobile/broadband systems; Spectrum evolution for mobile/broadband systems; and Spectrum management principles for national broadband spectrum plan including licensing roadmaps, and emerging and future spectrum management,
  - o developed: e-Waste guidelines, e-Skills Strategy, Communications Strategy and Plan, Strategy Framework on the Migration from IPv4 to IPv6 for Africa,
  - o Carried out a number of studies in collaborations with partners on Model frameworks for Data Centers and Cloud Computing for Africa, Common Digital Security Policy and Standards for Network Security and Information,
  - o Sensitized ATU Member States to provide more support to the Union through joint bilateral initiatives that enhanced/improved financial position and general outlook of the Union with an increased performance on collection of Membership Contributions of about 11% between 2019 to 2021 and liabilities fulfillment.



- This was quite remarkable considering that it was the most active period of the Union that saw a high number of memberships participating in ATU activities,
  - Sensitized non-member states and other stakeholders of the ICT sector to join ATU as members and associate members respectively and this saw the entry of South Sudan as the 49<sup>th</sup> Member of the Union and the number of associate members rose from 43 in 2019 to 54 in 2022,
  - Signed partner agreements with partner organization to deliver on ATU mandate, among others.
- 2) Drafted several Policy Documents and legislation enacted by the National Assembly from 1997 to date.
  - 3) Have led or been part of Kenya's delegation to several international and regional meetings and conferences for communications including: to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), Universal Postal Union's World Postal Congress, East African Postal and Telecommunications Organization (EARPTO - now (EACO), Association of Regulators of Information and Communications of Eastern Africa (ARICEA), International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO).

## **PAPERS AUTHORED**

I have authored a number of unpublished papers

## **PROFESSIONAL BODIES/CLUBS MEMBERSHIP**

- Law Society of Kenya
- Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya (CPSK)
- Mediation Training Institute (International) East Africa.
- Institute of Directors of Kenya
- Nairobi Club
- Royal Nairobi Golf Club
- Vetlab Sports and Golf Club

## **COMMITMENT**

As proven over the last four years, I commit to leading the Union for the next four years to ensure a vibrant and active Union ready to influence policies, strategies and infrastructure growth in the telecommunications sector across Africa. Will put in place strategies that are grounded in the interests of our target audiences, ensure that it gains the necessary political and citizenry goodwill, stakeholder participation, partnerships and project funding required to extensively execute its mandate.