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Circular to ATU Member States and Associate Members

Re: Invitation to the Virtual Ministerial Commemorative Forum of the African Telecoms/ICT Day on 7th December 2022

We are pleased to invite you to the virtual Ministerial Roundtable commemorative forum of the 2022 African Telecoms/ICT Day. The event, scheduled to take place on **7th December 2022 from 11.00 AM - 12.30 PM EAT,** honours the decision at the formation of the Pan African Telecommunications Union in 1977 to come together to develop our telecommunications and ICTs needs as one people.

Every year, we celebrate this important milestone by facilitating discourse on key subjects critical for Africa's growth. This year, the ATU Administrative Council, based on a proposal from the ATU General Secretariat, hopes to initiate a conversation that will redefine Africa's economy under the theme: **"Enhancing Financial Inclusion through ICT".**

We welcome you to take part in commemoration activities in your country even as we drive the continental agenda through the Ministerial Roundtable Forum which will bring together ICT policy makers, regulators, the private sector, regional development bodies and other key stakeholders to deliberate on the potential of financial inclusion to catapult efforts by ATU Member States and Associate Members to eradicate poverty, achieve food security, ensure health and wellbeing for all, attain gender equality, promote economic growth, support industry, innovation and agriculture; and reduce systemic inequalities.

Accordingly, the event will see countries showcase the steps they are undertaking to contribute to Africa's socio-economic development by enhancing the ability of individuals and business enterprises to access affordable and valuable financial products and services.

To register for the event, please use this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIqf-2spjwsGdC1yUu0icSu-m6JQhgmGiq. After registering, you will receive an email confirming your registration and a link to enable you join the meeting.

We look forward to collaborating together for the success of all the mutually beneficial activities that we undertake together.

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Sincerely,

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