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Circular letter to:

- Member States
- Associate Members
- International and regional organizations

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Invitation to the 1st African Group Preparatory Meeting for World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly (WTSA), from 15 - 16 February, 2023 (ONLINE)

Please accept the compliments of the ATU General Secretariat and have the pleasure to invite your administration/organization to participate in the 1st African Preparatory meeting for WTSA-24 which will take place online from **15 - 16 February, 2023 from 11H00 – 14H00 East African Time (EAT)**. This will be preceded by a one-day online Validation Forum for membership on ATU Innovation portal and Report on Best Practice for Content Development and use of Open Source on **14th February 2023 from 11H00 – 13H00 (EAT)**.

As you are aware, the next WTSA is due to take place next year 2024 and as such, Africa needs to identify issues of concern to the continent with regard to the WTSA-24 agenda. In view of the limited time to prepare for the next Assembly; and considering that the last WTSA-20 was held in March 2022 as a result of the pandemic, we wish to propose that we hold the first meeting online to review the outcomes of WTSA-20 and identify the critical issues which are of interest to the African region so as to come up with strong preliminary African Common Proposals to the Assembly.

This letter therefore serves to request your Administration/Organization to nominate suitable representatives to attend the meeting. We also request you to encourage the participation of other concerned organizations in your country.

We welcome contributions from Member States, Associate Members and International/Regional Organizations on agenda items for the success of the meeting. Contributions should therefore be submitted in electronic form preferably by email to ATU Secretariat on email: sg@atuuat.africa with a copy to m.slimani@atuuat.africa for compilation and sharing with the rest of the membership for review.

The provisional agenda is attached for your use.

To register for the meeting, please login on the link:

1- Validation Forum for membership on ATU Innovation portal on 14th February 2023 from 11H00 – 13H00 (EAT)_ <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpfuGurj8jGdbKlyuFC89QtvQ3Cajf6jZH>

2- ATU prep meeting for WTSA-24 on 15-16 WTSA24Prep_ <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlfsu-urDMvH9Ghq0TkASjSLnz9pny8lb2N>

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After registering, registrants will receive a confirmation email containing the login link to the meeting.

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

We look forward to active participation of your nominees and all delegations.

Yours faithfully,



John OMO
Secretary General

