



**WORKSHOP ON PRESERVATION, MANAGEMENT AND USAGE OF ASSIGNMENTS OF THE PLANNED
SATELLITE SERVICES
CONCEPT AND PROGRAMME**

Concept and Rationale

Satellite communications is a key ICT service in Africa for satellite broadcasting, as well as, broadband connectivity. Satellite resources on which satellite ICT communications are based are therefore a strategic resource. Satellite resources consists of orbital slots and associated frequencies. These resources are accessible by countries via the ITU in two main ways: (1) via a priori planning termed planned services, and (2) via first-come-first-served basis termed unplanned services. In the former way, ITU Member States are allocated satellite resources on a priori basis, however, the efficacy of these resources depends on a given country undertaking, on a continuous basis, actions that foster the preservation of the resources – otherwise, the resources may become unusable and therefore worthless.

Regrettably, Africa has not fared well in terms of preserving, management and usage of the satellite in the planned services – much of the resources remain unexploited and some are even unusable (a situation being rectified by Resolution 559 graciously passed by WRC-19). To make matters even worse, Africa lags way behind other regions in terms of leveraging the unplanned services method of acquiring the resources.

Pursuant to the provisions of the [ATU Strategy on Optimum Acquisition, Retention and Usage](#), the ATU in collaboration with [ITU](#), will conduct a 2-day online workshop on **1 and 2 March 2023** whose aim is to create awareness around key issues on preservation and prudent usage of (planned) satellite resources.

Programme

Day	Time (EAT)	Item	Speaker(s)
Day 1	14H30 – 15H00	Opening remarks	ATU, ITU, AUC
Day 1	15H00 – 15H30	Overview of ATU Strategy on Optimum Acquisition, Retention and Usage in Africa	Chair - ATU TG Satellite Resources
Day 1	15H30 – 16H00	Fundamentals of planned/unplanned satellite resources	ITU (BR)
Day 1	16H30 – 17H00	Practical steps for preservation and exploitation of planned satellite service resources	ITU (BR)
Day 2	14H30 – 16H30	Country experiences in preservation and exploitation planned satellite service resources in Africa	5 African countries
Day 2	16H30 – 16H45	Summary of key notables and way forward	Chair - ATU TG Satellite Resources
Day 2	16H45 – 17H00	Closing remarks	ITU, AUC, ATU