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Circular letter to:

- Member States
- Associate Members

Subject: Invitation to the 4th/final ATU Preparatory Meeting for WRC-23 (APM23-4) in Yaoundé Conference Centre - Yaoundé, Cameroon.

The African Telecommunications Union (ATU) is pleased to invite your administration/organization to the 4th/final ATU Preparatory Meeting for the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) and the associated 2023 Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-23). The meeting will take place from **7 to 11 August, 2023** at the Yaoundé Conference Centre in CAMEROON at the kind invitation and hosting of the Government of Cameroon through the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications. The meeting will be primarily physical, and therefore, participants are highly encouraged to attend/participate physically.

The main objective of the meeting will be to consider and adopt the African Common Proposals to the WRC-23 as well as RA-23. These common proposals will reflect the African aspirations for WRC-23 and its outcomes. The aspirations are all intended to support the continued growth of ICTs including supporting the rural coverage agenda. Clearly, this is a very important meeting considering that it will be the last before WRC-23 where key decisions shall be made with regard to the African proposals/positions to the issues of RA/WRC-23.

This letter is therefore an invitation for your administration/organization to nominate suitable persons to attend the above meeting. I urge Member States to support and facilitate the physical participation of all experts who have been following through the WRC-23 discussions for consistency and continuity in following up issues under discussion, in particular members of the seven ATU WRC-23 Working Groups who are at the core of the African preparations (the attachment refers). I also request Member States to encourage the participation of concerned organizations of your country in the meeting which will help to develop and harmonize proposals and views for RA-23 and WRC-23 from Africa.

The APM23-4, will be preceded by the Sub-Sahara Spectrum Management Conference on 3rd & 4th August, and will be held at the same venue in Yaoundé. The conference organisers (Forum Global) in partnership with ATU would like to invite all participants attending the APM to also attend this conference. The organisers of the forum have a small fellowship fund available to assist with accommodation costs for certain groups in order to enable them attend the forum. If you would like more information on fellowship and on how you can apply for support, please email Kate.lymer@Forum-europe.com. For more information on the conference and to register your place, please visit www.subsahara-spectrum.com.

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The meeting documents (including the draft agenda for the APM23-4), the host country information such as list of recommended hotels and other general information, modalities regarding input contributions, as well as, registration modalities will be made available in due course. For any other information, please consult our website: <u>www.atuuat.africa</u>.

The meeting will be conducted in English and French.

I look forward to the kind participation of your administration/organization.

Yours Sincerely,

<u>John OMO</u> <u>Secretary General</u>

