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To: ATU Member States

**Subject: Workshop on Enhancing Participation of Women in ICT Policy -WRC-23 Focus.
6th August 2023; 14:00-17:00 Yaoundé, Cameroon**

Four years ago, at a sideline event during the final African Preparatory Meeting for WRC-19 (APM 19-4), 25th Aug 2019 held in East London, South Africa, an initiative was launched to address the low participation and leadership of women in ICT matters, more so radiocommunications from Africa.

The main objective of the inaugural regional workshop in East London, themed **Enhancing Participation of Women in ICT Policy, WRC-23 Focus**, was to build capacity and develop skills of women involved in the radio spectrum field to enable effective participation and contribution to the next WRC (WRC-23). The workshop made two key recommendations:

- Starting from WRC-19, each African Administration should nominate at least TWO female delegates on their national delegation to the preparatory meetings as well as to the Conference.
- These participants should be nurtured and mentored through the 2019-2023 study cycle to position them for roles in WRC-23 with a particular focus on ITU-R activities.

Two subsequent sessions/workshops of the initiative were held on 20th November 2019, during WRC-19 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt; and on 9th June 2022 during WTDC -22 in Kigali, Rwanda respectively.

The upcoming final African Preparatory Meeting for WRC-23 (APM23-4), Yaoundé, Cameroon from 7 to 11 August 2023 offers a suitable opportunity to convene a fourth session to take stock of progress, including gaining some insights and experiences from participating female ICT policy professionals, particularly those who have had the opportunities to take leadership roles. Discussion will also be held on strategies, recommendations and next steps needed to achieve women leadership objectives at WRC-23 and beyond.

This letter therefore seeks to invite your administration/organization to nominate at least two women delegates to the workshop on **6th August 2023** and eventual participation in the APM23-4 in Yaoundé.

The nominees are invited to register [HERE](#) to attend the workshop.

We look forward to your positive response.

Yours Faithfully,



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