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- Circular to ATU Member States

Invitation to join ATU in the Celebration of the 2023 African Telecommunications/ICT Day on 7th December 2023

The ATU General Secretariat extends its warm regards to your government, specifically the Ministry governing ICTs and Telecommunications, as well as the regulatory authority responsible for overseeing this sector. We wish to express our special acknowledgment for your invaluable support in progressing ATU's programs in the field.

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us for the virtual commemorative forum of the 2023 African Telecoms/ICT Day. This significant event is set to take place on December 7, 2023, from **11:30 AM** to **13:00 PM EAT**. It stands as a symbol of our enduring commitment, dating back to ATU's establishment in 1977, to collectively pursue and protect our telecommunications and ICTs needs.

Annually, we mark this significant milestone by nurturing discussions on pivotal topics essential for Africa's progress. For this year's celebration, the ATU Administrative Council 2023, following a recommendation from the ATU General Secretariat, endorsed the theme, *"Towards a Digital Revolution and Inclusion of the Marginalized: Addressing Accessibility Factors".* This theme aims to speak to conditions enhancing the digital divide, such as the pressing issue of 72% of Africa's population lacking access to mobile internet and the nearly 200 million people in the region who today live in areas not covered by a mobile broadband network.

We welcome you to encourage commemoration activities in your country even as we drive the continental agenda through the virtual commemorative forum. The forum will bring together ICT policy makers, regulators, the private sector, regional development bodies and other key stakeholders.

As a representative of our Member State, this letter acknowledges our valued relationship. It will therefore be our distinguished honour to have you at the forum. We look forward to collaborating for the success of all the mutually beneficial activities that we undertake together. Please join the event using the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvcOihrT8vGdQfj-MVSgqG1hZxlxj4lVOv

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