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**Re: Invitation to the Ministerial Forum on “Building a Future-Oriented, Intelligent Digital Infrastructure” to be held in Cape Town, South Africa on 13 November 2023**

Please accept the compliments of the ATU General Secretariat.

On behalf of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) and the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies South Africa (DCDT), we are pleased to invite you to the Ministerial Forum session on “Building a Future-Oriented, Intelligent Digital Infrastructure”, which will take place from **10:00 AM to 12:30 PM**, in Cape Town on the **13<sup>th</sup> of November 2023**.

The rapid development of the digital economy around the world has highlighted the need for Africa to strengthen the construction of high-speed networks (5G, fiber), implementation of High-performance cloud computing capabilities, and integration of competitive artificial intelligence platforms. This is essential to align and propel the continent’s digital economy with the global trend. A draft copy of the agenda highlights is attached for your reference.

The forum aims to foster collaboration and prompt key stakeholders and decision-makers to develop a unified approach towards a future oriented digital infrastructure development in Africa. We believe that your participation in this forum will be valuable and beneficial for both you and your country. You will also have the opportunity to learn from the experiences and insights of other participants, share your views and perspectives, exchange ideas and best practices, and establish new partnerships and collaborations.

We look forward to your positive response and to welcoming you to the Ministerial Forum in Cape Town.

Yours Faithfully,



**John OMO**  
**Secretary General**