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Circular letter to:

- Member States
- Associate Members

Subject: Invitation to the 2nd African Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-25 and & the 1st Preparatory Meeting for ITU-PP-26 in Namibia from 15 – 19 July 2024.

The African Telecommunications Union (ATU) is delighted to invite you to participate at ATU Preparatory Meetings (APMs) of the next ITU World Conferences respectively: The World Telecommunication Development Conference "WTDC-25" and the Conference of Plenipotentiaries "PP-26" to be hosted by the Government of Namibia in Droombos Vineyard Country Hotel, Windhoek from **15 – 18 July 2024 and 18 – 19 July 2024** respectively.

1. WTDC-25 session:

During the first ATU preparatory meeting for WTDC-25, kindly hosted by Kenya in February 2024, the meeting mainly focused on the implementation of the WTDC-21 results, identified the key topics to be addressed by the Conference and adopted the regional preparatory process of the WTDC-25. The meeting also established a permanent bureau and three ATU Working Groups to conduct the preparations and develop the African positions and proposals of the Conference.

The objective of the second meeting is to consider the following items:

- a) Preliminary outcomes of the work done by the established working groups;
- b) Outcomes of the various TDAG discussions including the its related working groups that were established to discuss WTDC-25 items prior the Conference;
- c) Proposed ITU-D WTDC Declaration, the thematic priorities, ITU-D contribution to the ITU SOP;
- d) The existing regional initiatives for Africa and possible improvements;
- e) The WTDC resolutions streamlining with existing PP, WTSA and WRC resolutions on the same;
- f) Consider the revision and new draft WTDC Resolutions as well as Working methods and Study questions for the next period.

2. Preparations for ITU PP-26,

This session will consider implementation of the results of PP-22, with emphasis on key international trends that have occurred after that conference and establish the necessary structure of the PP-26 regional preparations to develop the African common proposals, and contribution to the agenda of the Conference. This will enhance Africa's efforts of defending the common positions supported in the last PP and to strengthen the Africa group's cohesion in advising on issues of common interest.

In this regard, I would like to invite your Administration/Organization to designate your representative(s) to attend and participate in the two preparatory meetings in particular, we would like to encourage Member States to nominate experts who have been attending ITU-D and TDAG related meetings and those involved in the preparations for ITU Plenipotentiary Conferences in order to take leadership positions and enhance the deliberations. We would also like to encourage the participation of women in these preparatory meetings.

The contributions of Member States and Associate Members are essential and decisive for the success of these meetings.

For compilation and distribution to the other members, the contributions must be sent to the ATU General Secretariat no later than **Monday, 17 June 2024**, in electronic format and preferably by email to sg@atuuat.africa with Copy to: a.koech@atuuat.africa and m.slimani@atuuat.africa.

Registration to the event is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively online via this registration link: <https://atuuat.africa/registrations-events/registration-2nd-african-preparatory-meeting-for-wtdc-25-and-1st-african-preparatory-meeting-apm26-1-for-pp-26/> .

Remote participation will be provided to participants duly registered for the event. Participants are encouraged to register early and indicate if they intend to attend the event in person or remotely.

The working language of these events will be English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

Please find attached to this invitation, the draft agenda for the two meetings, the general information about Namibia and the list hotels with negotiated rates. Kindly note that all other information will be made available as soon as possible on the ATU website: www.atuuat.africa.

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

Yours Faithfully,



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General Secretary

- Draft agendas for the WTDC APM25-2 and PP APM26-1
- General information about Namibia
- List of hotels