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Circular letter to:

- **Member States**
- **Associate Members**
- **RECs & Regulatory organizations**
- **Partners**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Invitation to the 3rd and final African Preparatory Meeting (APM25-3) for WTDC-25 and USF Workshop in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire from 25 to 29 August, 2025

I have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the 3rd and final Africa Preparatory Meeting for the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025 (APM2513 for WTDC-25) back to back with one day USF Workshop to be held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire from 25 to 29 August, 2025.

The objective of this final meeting is to review the report of the 2nd meeting, receive reports from the three Working Groups: (WG-1 on Declaration, Action Plan and Regional Initiatives, WG-2 on Working Methods and Study Questions (Res.1 &2) and WG3 on General ICT Development Issues & programmes and resolutions streamlining) on the progress made so far on the development of regional common proposals. The meeting will also conclude all pending documents and endorse the African common proposals to the conference, appoint AFCP coordinators and agree on the regional representatives to the conference committee leaderships.

In this regard, I would like to invite your Administration/Organization to designate your representative(s) to attend and participate in the meeting in particular, we would like to encourage Member States to nominate experts who have been attending ITU-D and TDAG and ATU WGs related meetings in order to take leadership positions and enhance the deliberations. We would also like to encourage the participation of women in these preparatory meetings. Please note that your contributions/proposed candidatures to the WTDC-25 should be sent to the ATU Secretariat by latest 31 July 2025 to Ms. Slimani Meriem at E: m.slimani@atuuat.africa; and Copy to sq@atuuat.africa;

This meeting will be followed by a workshop on USF organized by ATU in collaboration with ANSUT and GSMA to evaluate the progress of the USF reforms implementations.

The draft agenda and work schedule for the meeting is attached for ease of reference. The general information about Cote d'Ivoire and the list hotels 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.

Sincerely,

John OMO **Secretary-General**

Attachment: Draft agenda and work schedule for the APM25-3



