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➤ Circular To: All ATU Member States

Re: Invitation to the Seminar on Africa–China Digital Cooperation to be held in Addis Ababa on 26th September 2025

The General Secretariat of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) presents its compliments and conveys appreciation for your continued support to our work to advance telecommunications and ICT development across the continent.

Building on the consensus reached at the 2024 Forum on China–Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), and in support of the Action Plan for China–Africa Digital Cooperation and Development, we are pleased to announce a high-level exchange, the **Seminar on Africa–China Digital Cooperation**.

The seminar will be co-hosted by ATU, the Ministry of Innovation and Technology of Ethiopia, and the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (CAICT), and will take place in Addis Ababa on **26th September 2025** (see **Annex 1** for the preliminary agenda).

The event will bring together high-ranking ICT officials from African countries; senior officials from China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT); representatives of leading digital enterprises, think tanks, and industry associations from both Africa and China; and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

We invite you, or a senior representative from your government, to participate in this forum and contribute to the exchange of experiences and good practices across key domains such as digital infrastructure, artificial intelligence, fintech, and smart education, with a view to fostering strategic alignment, enabling practical cooperation, and advancing mutually beneficial development outcomes.

It is worth noting that this invitation is grounded in the longstanding and constructive cooperation between Africa and China in the digital and ICT sectors, and in the strong shared interest in harnessing technology as a catalyst for sustainable development.

If you or your nominee plan to participate, kindly share the attendee's details at **sg@atuuat.africa** with copies to **Mrs. Alice Koech** a.koech@atuuat.africa and **Mr. Chang Terrence** terrencegoodhopeinsights@gmail.com. Should you or your nominee wish to deliver remarks, please indicate the proposed topic.

We look forward to your favourable reply



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