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➤ Circular letter to: ATU Member States

Re: Invitation to the 7th Ordinary Session of the ATU Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL-26) Abuja, Nigeria, 23-24 July, 2026

The General Secretariat of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) presents its compliments to all Member States.

I have the pleasure to invite you to the 7th Ordinary Session of the African Telecommunications Union Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL-26) that will take place in Abuja, Nigeria from 23 – 24 July, 2026. This follows the generous acceptance by the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, through the Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, to host the Conference and its associated meetings.

I would also like to inform you that the Plenipotentiary Conference will be preceded by two (02) other related meetings, namely:

- Special Session of the Administrative Council: 16 – 17 July, 2026;
- Conference Preparatory Committee (CPC): 20 – 21 July, 2026

The main objectives of the Conference include the following:

1. Revision of the ATU Constitution/Convention and other legal instruments;
2. Approval of the ATU Financial Reports for the Period 2022-2025;
3. Establishment of the scale of financial contributions for the period 2027 to 2031;
4. Approval of the ATU Strategic Plan and Budget for the period 2027 to 2031;
5. Election of the ATU Administrative Council members for the period 2027 to 2031;
6. Election of the ATU Secretary General for the period 2027 to 2031; and
7. Adoption of the African Common Proposals (AfCPs) to ITU PP 2026

May I also draw your kind attention to certain relevant provisions of the Union's Constitution & Convention in force: -

Proposals regarding revision of the Constitution/Convention

Member States intending to submit proposals for the amendment of the Constitution and Convention are kindly advised to make submissions to the Secretary general not later than **30th May, 2026** to allow for adequate circulation and consideration ahead of the Conference. Member States will also be expected to submit their comments on the draft Strategic Plan for the period 2027-2031 within the deadlines that will be formally communicated at a later date.



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The right to nominate candidatures

The Conference will elect the Secretary-General for the period 2027-2031, as well as, elect the Member States that will constitute the next ATU Administrative Council for the same period.

In this regard, I wish to draw your kind attention to Article 3 of the Convention which stipulates that any Member State of the Union wishing to present a candidate for Secretary-General position should have no outstanding contributions and must have ratified/acceded the ATU Constitution and Convention at the date of the election, failing which the candidature of its national shall be rejected by the Conference.

In the case Administrative Council membership, a Member State's candidature shall be rejected by the Conference if it is not in good standing which entails any one of the following elements: (1) if it has not ratified the ATU Constitution and Convention (Article 18(2) of the Constitution); (2) if it fails to honour its financial obligation for a period of two (2) consecutive years (Article 7(7.2) of the Convention); or (3) its delegations at the Conference are not duly accredited (Article 1(5.1) of the Convention).

Accreditation (Credentials)

Delegations representing a Member State at the Conference shall be duly accredited in accordance with Article 1(5.1) of the Convention.

Proxy

In conformity with Article 1(5.3) of the Convention, a Member State who is unable to send its own delegation to the Conference, may give the delegation of another Member State powers to vote and sign on its behalf.

Exercise of right to vote

To exercise their full sovereign rights at the Conference, Member States must ensure that they have maintained the right to vote. A Member State shall lose the right to vote if it is not in good standing.

Member States are encouraged to verify, in good time, their voting right status by way of an inquiry to the Office of the Secretary General via (sg@atuuat.africa)

General Information including Template for Credentials

General information about the Conference and its related meetings including the sample/template for the credentials can be found on the Conference event page on our website (<https://atuuat.africa/events-calendar>)

I look forward to welcoming you to Abuja.



John OMO
Secretary-General

