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Candidate for the position of
CHAIRPERSON OF TDAG



Telecommunication Development Advisory Group

“ Giving a Voice to All Regions, for
Meaningful and Equitable Connectivity ”



For a More Inclusive, Innovative and United TDAG ...

With a profound sense of duty and renewed conviction, I present my candidacy for the chairmanship of TDAG, which is the advisory body to the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT). It is responsible for reviewing the priorities, strategies, operations, and financial matters of the sector.

Our organization stands at a pivotal moment where today's challenges require a clear vision, collective commitment, and strong leadership.

My ambition is to work with openness and collaboration, in order to increase the participation of all regions in the work of ITU-D. In this context, I intend to contribute to strengthening our cohesion, building on our achievements, and driving a new dynamic so that TDAG remains a reference body, a driver of innovation, and a positive force in implementing BDT's missions.

I firmly believe that it is together, in a spirit of dialogue, transparency, and shared responsibility, that we can meet future challenges and firmly position TDAG—an essential governance body—on a path of growth and global outreach for the Union.

I am convinced that the digital future must be shaped inclusively and sustainably, integrating all regions and stakeholders to co-create and co-build within the digital space.

I pledge to make TDAG a catalyst for innovation, inclusion, and collaboration—an effective support body for the Development Bureau, addressing the needs of the Union's membership. My goal will be to serve all regions equitably, valuing the diversity and expertise of each actor in the sector, to ensure global connectivity that leaves no one behind.

MY VISION FOR TDAG



Innovation Inclusion Collaboration



- **Innovation** : examine and design innovative, flexible, and agile policies and strategies adapted to regional realities within the dynamic driven by the development sector.



- **Inclusion** : ensure equitable participation of women, youth, and all stakeholders, including island States, in ITU-D's actions aligned with the Union's priorities, so that no one is left behind.



- **Collaboration** : strengthen regional and international synergies to co-build sustainable approaches within TDAG's areas of activity, thereby enhancing BDT's and the Union's contribution.

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MY VALUES

- **Commitment** : working with passion and consistency for equitable, impactful, and sustainable digital development, benefiting populations.
- **Integrity and Responsibility** : ensuring transparency and trust.
- **Solidarity** : working together in cohesion, building consensus, and valuing the diversity of talents and experiences.



PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- **2023 – present:** Technical Advisor to the Director General, Telecommunications/ICT and Postal Regulatory Authority of Côte d'Ivoire (ARTCI).
- **2019 – 2023:** Director of International Cooperation (ARTCI).
- **2014 – 2018:** Head of International Department (ARTCI).
- **2010 – 2014:** Head of Consumer Protection and Competitive Environment Department (ARTCI).



ACTIVITIES AND POSITION WITHIN ITU

- **2017 – 2025:** Chair, Study Group 1 (ITU-D); Vice-Chair of TDAG and of the Correspondence Group on the Future of Issues including Resolutions 1 and 2 for WTDC-25.
 - Africa's representative on the Advisory Board of ITU-D's Network of Women (NoW).
 - Chair of the African Caucus, member of international panels, contributing to global advisory work.
 - Vice-Chair of Committee 4 of WTDC-17 (Buenos Aires)
- **2010 – 2017:** Vice-Chair of Study Group 1, Rapporteur and Vice-Rapporteur (study topics on convergence, ICT in rural/remote areas, digital inclusion).
- **2004 – 2010:** Rapporteur / Vice-Rapporteur, resource expert in regulation, regulatory policies, pricing, and consumer protection.

References & ITU Study Groups – TDAG videos:



My eBook



WTDC-17 Soundbytes



ITU Interviews



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MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS

- **Strengthening regulation:** development of fair pricing policies, consumer protection, and promotion of healthy competition.
- **Advancing digital inclusion:** strong initiatives to increase women's and youth's participation (e.g. Revision of WTDC-22 Resolution 55) and stakeholders' involvement.
- **Building regional capacity:** mobilization, training, and mentoring of African experts, fostering the sharing of best practices.
- **Strategic influence:** active role in the preparation of world telecommunication development and plenipotentiary conferences, shaping ITU-D orientations, and addressing global issues.
 - **Founder of the International Network of Women Digital Experts (RIFEN)**, the first ITU sector member organization aimed at increasing and strengthening women's and girls' contribution in decision-making and leadership at both national and international levels.
 - **Leader of national programs** on universal access and rural connectivity in Côte d'Ivoire.
 - **Promoter of training and capacity building** in the ICT field.

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