



AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION  
L'UNION AFRICAINE DES TÉLÉCOMMUNICATIONS

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- Circular Letter to Member States

Dear Member States,

**Subject: Invitation for Candidatures for the post of Secretary General of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU)**

Further to our circular letter Ref: 099/09/ATU/CPL/2025 dated 3rd September, 2025, I am happy to inform you that the arrangements for the 7th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL-2026), 23-24 July 2026 in Abuja, Nigeria are proceeding smoothly.

In compliance with Article 3.1 of the ATU Convention, I have the honour to invite nominations for the post of Secretary General of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) for the 2027 – 2030 term and whose elections shall be held at CPL-2026. The nomination should:

- (1) officially be submitted to the ATU General Secretariat through the diplomatic channel of your country;
- (2) be submitted together with the photo, Curriculum Vitae and vision statement (in both English and French) of the candidate;
- (3) comply with the minimum qualification criteria as provided in ATU SG Job Description attached; and
- (4) should reach the General Secretariat not later than **23rd June 2026**.

In this regard, I wish to draw your attention to the requirements of Article 3 of the Convention stipulating that any Member State of the Union wishing to present a candidate should have no outstanding contributions at the date of election, failing which the candidature of its national shall be rejected by the Conference. In addition, and in accordance with Article 1(f) and Article 16(1) of the Constitution, only Member States who have ratified/acceded the ATU Constitution and Convention can nominate candidates.

I further wish to remind Member States that a Member State shall lose the right to vote:

- (1) if it fails to honour its financial obligations for a period of two consecutive years in accordance with Article 7(7) before the date of election, and
- (2) if it has not ratified/acceded to the ATU Constitution and Convention, in compliance with Article 17 and Article 18 of the Constitution.

It would be highly appreciated if countries that are in arrears and/or have not ratified the ATU Constitution and Convention, make all necessary efforts to regularize their status with the Union.

You are kindly reminded that your delegation to the Conference should be duly accredited by Instruments (copy of model credentials attached) signed by the **Head of State or Government** or by the **Minister responsible for Foreign Affairs** in conformity with Article 1.5 of the Convention.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



**John OMO**  
**Secretary General**

*Attachments:*

(1) ATU Constitution and Convention, (2) ATU SG Job Description, and (3) Model Instruments of Accreditation