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Circular letter to:

- Member States
- Associate Members
- RECs
- Association of African Universities

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Invitation letter to the Africa Preparatory Meeting for PP-26 Back-to-Back with ITU Regional Development Forum (RDF) for Africa from 25 to 29 May 2026.

The ATU General Secretariat presents its compliments to your administration/organization and has the honor to invite you to the 2nd ATU Preparatory Meeting for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26) which is due to be held in Doha - Qatar in the last quarter of 2026. The preparatory meeting which will be kindly hosted by Zimbabwe Administration will take **place at Victoria falls Hotel, from 25 to 29 May, 2026** back-to-back with the ITU Regional Development Forum (RDF-AFR).

The RDFs offer an opportunity for high-level engagement among the Telecommunication Development Bureau, Member States and ITU-D Sector Members, with a particular focus on the implementation of the Regional Initiatives, and the Baku Action Plan as adopted by the 2025 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25).

The main objectives of the 2nd African Preparatory Meeting for PP-26 include:

1. to consider and adopt the outcomes of the three (3) ATU Working groups that were established by the 1st preparatory meeting held in Namibia in July, 2024, for the preparation of PP-26 and tasked to develop African common priorities and positions and draft preliminary African Common proposals for the Conference in line with the PP-26 agenda items;
2. to consider new contributions from Members on the Conference topics of interest;
3. to start the formulation of the African common proposals to the Conference reflecting the new priorities and challenges of ICTs in Africa and the mechanisms that will help to accelerate the implementation of the African digital transformation strategy and promote the sustainable development of the continent including the need to strengthen the ITU role in the global digital ecosystem;
4. to consider African Candidatures for ITU management positions and Council Membership;
5. to appoint focal points for various topics to be discussed with other regions prior the Conference.

This letter is therefore an invitation to your Administration/Organization to designate your representative(s) to attend and participate in the meeting. Participation of women in the meeting is highly encouraged.

All the contributions from Member States and Associate Members are essential and decisive for the success of this meeting. For the compilation and distribution to all the other members, the contributions must be sent to the ATU General Secretariat no later than **20 April 2026**, by email to sg@atuuat.africa with Copy to: m.slimani@atuuat.africa.

Please find attached to this letter, the practical information note including the venue and hotel list for your necessary information and preparation. The draft agenda and program for the meeting will be circulated later.

All information related to the above event will be made available on the ATU website at: www.atuuat.africa

For further information please contact the General Secretariat at: sg@atuuat.africa, a.koech@atuuat.africa; and the focal points of the host country: Ms. Hilda Jera at: jera@potraz.zw, Mobile No: +263 242 333032 and Ms. Norah Zaranyika at: zaranyika@potraz.zw, Mobile No: +263 242 333 151 or +263 712 871 341.

Kindly register using the link: <https://atuuat.africa/event/apm-in-zimbabwe/>.. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email.

Sincerely,



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Encl: Practical information note, Hotel list and Draft Agenda