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Ref: 063/06/ATU/CPL-26/2026

➤ 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, at International Conference Center Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

I have the pleasure to invite you to the 7th Ordinary Session of the African Telecommunications Union Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL-26) which will be held in Abuja, Nigeria from **23 – 24 July, 2026** at the kind acceptance of the Federal Government of the Republic of Nigeria to host the Conference and related meetings.

The CPL-26 will be preceded by three (03) other related meetings, namely:

- Special Session of the Administrative Council from **16 – 17 July, 2026**;
- 3rd Regional Preparatory Meeting for ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (ITU PP-26) **18 July, 2026**;
- and,
- Conference Preparatory Committee (CPC) from **20 – 21 July, 2026**.

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

I. Proposals for the work of the conference

In order to ensure timely publication of and consideration by all Member States, proposals from Member States to amend the ATU Constitution and Convention and comments on the draft Strategic Plan for the period 2027-2031 should reach the Secretary-General not later than 23rd June, 2026. The Secretary-General shall, as soon as possible, circulate the information so received to all Member States.

II. Elections

- (a) The Plenipotentiary Conference will elect the Secretary-General for the period 2027-2031. As a follow up to my circular letter Ref.: Ref.: 006/01/ATU/GS/CIR-2026 dated 22 January 2026 announcing a vacancy for the position, I wish to remind countries wishing to nominate a candidate to inform the General Secretariat of such candidature in writing through the diplomatic channels keeping in mind the conditions in Article 3 of the convention. As indicated in my letter, the candidature must reach the General Secretariat not later than **25th June, 2026**.

Further, 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.

- (b) The Plenipotentiary Conference will also elect the Member States that will constitute the ATU Administrative Council for 2027-2031 period. You are hereby reminded to inform the General Secretariat in writing of your country's wish to present its candidature for a seat on the Administrative Council

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within the timeline provided in my letter Ref.: 037/03/ATU/DP/CIR-2026 of 25 March 2026, namely by **25th June 2026**.

III. Exercise of right

- (a) In order to be able to exercise sovereign rights in full at the CPL, Member States must ensure that they have maintained the right to vote. In accordance with Article 8 (8.2) of the Convention, a Member State shall lose the right to vote if it fails to honour its financial obligations for a period of two (2) consecutive years. Likewise, in accordance with Article 5(5.1) of the Convention, delegations representing Member States at the CPL must be **duly accredited** by the Head of State or Government, or the Minister responsible for Foreign Affairs to enable them exercise the right to vote. A sample model of the accreditation is attached for your information and use.
- (b) In conformity with Article 5(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.

IV. ITU PP-26

Finally, the CPL-26 in Abuja will precede the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (ITU-PP-26) due to be held in Doha, Qatar from 7th – 28 November, 2026. Consequently, it will be an opportune moment during the 3rd Regional Preparatory Meeting for ITU PP-26 to harmonize the many important issues pertaining to telecommunication/ICT development, regionally, and globally, with a view to adopting African Common Positions/Proposal (AfCP's), for the work of ITU PP-26.

V. Social events

The ATU will maintain and monitor a social events calendar with the purpose to register and facilitate information to Member States and other participants wishing to hold a social event during PP-26. Organizers of social events are strongly advised to liaise with the ATU Secretariat before proceeding with final arrangements, to assist in scheduling and avoiding, in as much as possible, conflicting, or competing events. Please send all inquiries to sg@atuuat.africa with a copy to a.koech@atuuat.africa.

Please register to attend via: <https://atuuat.africa/event/cpl-2026/>

Further details about the Conference and related meetings will be available on the ATU website: <http://www.atuuat.africa>.

I look forward to welcoming you to Abuja.

Sincerely,



John OMO
Secretary General

Attachment:

- (i) Country information and List of Hotels
- (ii) Sample Accreditation Model