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Dear Lee,

Subject: Invitation to the 1st African Group Preparatory Meeting for World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly (WTSA), 7-8 September, 2015, Dakar, Senegal

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 1st African Preparatory meeting for WTSA-16 which will take place at the King Fahd Palace, Dakar, Senegal, organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Senegal and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU. The preparatory meeting will be held on 7-8 September, 2015 back to back with the ITU Regional Development Forum (RDF) for the Africa region to be held in the same venue on 9-10 September, 2015. The host country will also be celebrating the "SMART Senegal Days" on 11th September, 2015, to which you are cordially invited.

As you are aware, the next WTSA is due to take place next year 2016 and as such, Africa needs to identify issues of concern to the continent with regard to the WTSA-16 agenda. In view of the many critical issues which are of interest to the African region, we would like to request that we initiate the necessary preparations to enable the region come up with strong preliminary African Common Proposals to the Assembly. This letter therefore serves to request your Administration/Organization to nominate suitable representatives to attend the meeting. We also request you to encourage the participation of other concerned organizations in your country. Last date of receipt of your registration by ATU Secretariat is 2nd September 2015.

Registration can be done by sending the completed registration form to the ATU Secretariat on Email: <u>sg@atu-uat.org</u> or <u>a.koech@atu-uat.org</u>. Contributions from Member States, Associate Members and International/Regional Organizations on agenda items are essential for the success of the meeting. Contributions should therefore be submitted in electronic form preferably by email to ATU Secretariat on email: sg@atu-uat.org for compilation.

The provisional agenda and registration form are attached for your use. However, the general information about Senegal, hotel list and other logistical details will be circulated to all and will also be posted in the ATU website: <u>www.atu-uat.org</u> in due course.

The meeting will be conducted in both English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

We look forward to receiving your nomination.

Yours faithfully,

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