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Nairobi: 11th March, 2016

Circular to:

- Member States
- Associate Members

Dear Sir/Madam,


The African Telecommunications Union (ATU) in collaboration with Autorité de Régulation des Communications Electroniques et de la Poste (ARCEP) have organised a four day Workshop on Implementation of WRC-15 Outcomes and capacity building on Development of National Broadband Plans scheduled to take place at AZALAI Hôtel de la Plage, Cotonou - Benin, 25 - 28 April 2016 under the theme: “Implementation of WRC-15 Outcomes and Development of National Broadband Plans”. The workshop will address issues on: beyond WRC-15, broadband building our future, building a national broadband plan and broadband technologies.

The main objective of this workshop is to build expertise in practical steps of developing a national broadband systems and applications in a country for the social-economic development. The topics to be covered will among others include the following:

1. Implementation of WRC-15 outcomes with particular regard to the WRC-19 preparatory roadmaps of ATU and ITU;
2. Key policy issues for policy makers on mobile spectrum after WRC-15;
3. Spectrum award best practices;
4. Networked Society Vision;
5. Role of broadband in social-economic development/well-being including examples of Public Policy Enabling ICT driven transformation;
6. Key issues for national broadband plans policy framework;
7. Building blocks and rationale of broadband plans;
8. Case studies from Africa and outside Africa on practical aspects of building a national broadband plan; and
9. Current and future broadband technologies and country positioning for maximum benefit from these technologies.

This letter therefore, serves to kindly invite your administration/organization to nominate participants whom you wish to have the necessary expertise in development of national broadband plan.

The draft agenda and program, registration form and country information including the list of recommended hotels are attached for ease of reference. These and other meeting documents can also be found on the ATU website (www.atu-uat.org). The working languages for this workshop will be English and French and interpretation will be provided.

For any other meeting details including assistance with visa and accommodation, please get in touch with the ATU General Secretariat:
- Secretary General’s office on Email: sg@atu-uat.org
- Mrs. Alice KOECH on email: a.koech@atu-uat.org
- Mr. Kezias MWALE, Email: k.mwale@atu-uat.org
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Kindly send us the name(s) of your nominated participant(s) on or before 31 March, 2016 for our planning purposes by way of completing the attached registration form and emailing it to the contacts stated above.

I take this opportunity to express my profound gratitude to your administration for the support and commitment to the work of ATU.

Yours sincerely,

Abdoulkarim SOUMAILA
Secretary General

Attached:
- Annex 1 - Draft agenda and work programme;
- Annex 2- Registration form and
- Annex 3- Country information.