

# CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP



**GUIDELINES ON ACCESS TO SUBMARINE CABLES**

**DRAFT AGENDA AND WORKING PROGRAMME**



**KIGALI, RWANDA 7-8 May 2012**



**Hotel Serena, Boulevard de la Revolution Kigali, Rwanda**



The objective of the meeting is to share the experience gained during the development of the Guidelines on Access to Submarine Cables for WATRA, with the support of the ITU in the framework of the ITU-EC HIPSSA project.

## Day 1 (May 7)

09.00-10.30	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening remarks, Ms. I. Jallow, HIPSSA Senior Project Coordinator</li><li>• Welcome remarks, Mr. A. Rugege, Head, ITU Regional Office for Africa</li><li>• Remarks, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Mr. Raphael Koffi</li><li>• Remarks, African Union Commission (AUC) Mr. Abulkhirat Essam</li><li>• Key note address, Honourable Minister Mr. Jean Philbert Nsengimana, Ministry of Youth and Information Communication Technology, Rwanda</li></ul>
10.30-10.45	Coffee Break
10.45-12.00	<b>Session 1: The Status Quo</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The connectivity to submarine cables in the ECOWAS and Central Africa Region - Presentation, Ms. Aissatou Diop Dieng, ITU expert</li><li>• The connectivity of submarine cables in Eastern and Southern Africa Region – Presentation, Mr. Kazaura Kamugisha</li><li>• An overview of the market on international bandwidth and Africa needs – Presentation, Ms. Isabelle Gross and Ms. Aissatou Diop Dieng, ITU experts</li><li>• Measurement of the impact of the arrival of submarine cables on pricing – Presentation, Ms. Isabelle Gross and Ms. Aissatou Diop Dieng, ITU experts</li><li>• Question &amp; Answer session</li></ul>
12.30-14.00	Lunch

14.00-15.15	<p><b>Session 2: The West African Experience: Overview</b> - Presentation by WATRA/ECOWAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The absence of a regional framework and its impact</li><li>• An overview of the methodology to respond to the needs</li><li>• A selection of best practices in Africa and a comparison with the rest of the world</li><li>• The drafting and a set of guidelines</li><li>• The human capacity building component</li></ul>
15.15-15.30	Coffee Break
15.30-17.00	<p><b>Session 3: The West African Experience: The Potential Options</b> - Presentation, Ms. Isabelle Gross and Ms. Aissatou Diop Dieng, ITU experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An overview of the main challenges faced by the stakeholders: coastal countries, landlocked countries, private operators</li><li>• The assessment of international best practice and of global and regional practice</li><li>• A range of different approaches to regulating cable landing stations</li><li>• Question &amp; Answer session</li></ul> <p><b>Session 4: The West African Experience: A Detailed Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A presentation of the guidelines – Presentation, Ms. Aissatou Diop Dieng, ITU expert</li><li>• Discussion of guidelines – Presentation, Ms. Isabelle Gross and Ms. Aissatou Diop Dieng, ITU experts</li></ul>
<b>Day 2 (May 8)</b>	
09.00-10.30	<p><b>Session 1: A fictional Country Part I</b> – Presentation, Ms. Isabelle Gross and Ms. Aissatou Diop Dieng, ITU experts; Moderator, Ms. Ida Jallow, HIPSSA Senior Project Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A simulation using a fictional African country</li><li>• Participants will be divided in groups and get the opportunity to put in place a set of guidelines for a fictional African country as a way of pulling out the issues that arise when an international cable landing is regulated</li><li>• Group work presentation of the fictional African country and the scenario it faces</li><li>• Facilitators will take participants through the background documents for the scenario and outline the tasks they will tackle</li></ul> <p><b>Session 2: A fictional Country Part II</b> – Presentation, Ms. Isabelle Gross and Ms. Aissatou Diop Dieng, ITU experts; Moderator, Ms. Ida Jallow, HIPSSA Senior Project Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• List of key guideline issues and important guideline clauses</li><li>• Based on the different issues raised by the working groups, the participants will compile a list of key issues and how provisions of the guidelines impact these</li></ul> <p>(Francophone and Anglophone participants will be mixed together)</p>
10.30-10.45	Coffee Break
10.45-12.00	<p><b>Session 3: A fictional Country Part III</b> – Presentation, Ms. Isabelle Gross, ITU expert; Moderator, Ms. Ida Jallow, HIPSSA Senior Project Coordinator</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What needs to happen in the fictional country: Report-back from the working grouping on key issues and important clauses</li> </ul>
12.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.30	<p><b>Session 4: A fictional Country Part IV – Moderators, Ms. Isabelle Gross and Ms. Aissatou Diop Dieng, ITU experts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What applies in the fictional country, how does it relate to the situation in your own country?</li> <li>• Does any of this prompt further discussion about the guidelines?</li> <li>• A facilitated plenary discussion that allows participants to draw out both the differences and similarities to their own countries and how application on the ground might be impacted by the guidelines</li> </ul>
15.30-15.45	Coffee Break
15.45-16.30	<p><b>Session 5: The Way Forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the conclusions, Ms. Isabelle Gross and Ms. Aissatou Diop Dieng, ITU experts</li> <li>• Discussions on the way forward and potential additional activities to be undertaken by Member States and regulators with the support of ITU on Guidelines on Submarine Cables in the specific cases, Ms. I. Jallow, HIPSSA Senior Project Coordinator</li> </ul>
16.30-17.00	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>