TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE

Working Group on Partnership

1. Scope and Objective

The Working Group on Partnerships is a sub-group of the m-Powering Development Initiative Advisory Board tasked with partnerships to mobilize resources and support the implementation of the m-Powering action plan. The objective of the working group is to provide input to the work of the Advisory Board.

2. Activity

The working group will, among other things:

i.   identify key stakeholders, potential partners and their respective roles,
ii. assess the needs, gaps and existing mechanisms for sustainable partnerships,
iii. identify innovative funding models to encourage and facilitate the large expansion in mobile communications use to address inequalities and stimulate economic and social development
iv. identify draft models for allocating resources to contribute to the ICT for SDG ecosystem/platform,
v.   Identify national, regional and global partnership opportunities for allocating resources to m-Powering initiatives,
vi. draft a work plan with concrete actions,
vii. carry out the activities that will support the implementation of the Initiative work plan.

3. Membership

Members of the working group serve in their individual capacity and any interested Board Member can participate in the work of the group and any other working group. The group can also invite third parties to join their work, on the basis of their potential contribution to the group's activities.

4. Methods of Work

The working group will determine its own methods of work, including time for consideration of requests, preparation and conduct of its tasks. The activities of the group will be coordinated and led by the leading Board Member who was designated during the Advisory Board meeting. In principle, the working group will carry out its work by electronic means, using conference calls and e-meetings.

5. Secretariat and Administrative Support

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Within available resources, ITU will provide the administrative and secretariat support required by the working group, including record keeping, distribution of documents and SharePoint related services.