

ANNEX 1

2020 Regional Development Forum for Africa (RDF-AFR)

**Digital transformation to accelerate achievement of the SDGs
– Digital development, partnerships and funding**

6-7 October 2020 (12:00 – 15:00 CAT time) (*Virtual meeting*)
with preparatory break-out sessions on 5 October 2020 (12:00 – 15:00 CAT time)

Draft agenda

The 2020 Regional Development Forum for Africa (RDF-AFR), under the theme of *Digital transformation to accelerate achievement of the SDGs – Digital development, partnerships and funding*, will focus on digital development activities, projects, and Regional Initiatives in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the innovative partnerships that are required to launch and implement them, and ensure that they are sustainable. While progress is being made in many places, overall, action to meet the SDGs and related national target is not advancing at the speed or scale required. A decade of ambitious action is required to deliver on the Goals by 2030. In line with the Sixth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development held in February 2020, the Decade of Action calls for accelerating sustainable solutions to all the world's biggest challenges, where technologies and digital solutions play a critical role. This further requires and calls for sustainable and ICT-accelerated development in the region with impact, focusing on the five critical dimensions of People, Prosperity, Planet, Peace and Partnership, guided by all 17 SDGs and not leaving anybody behind. It is to this backdrop that RDF-AFR is held.

Tuesday, 6 October 2020

12:00 – 15:00 Addis Ababa time CAT (GMT+3)

Digital transformation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – Digital development, partnerships, and funding

12:00 – 12:25 OPENING AND WELCOMING REMARKS

- Welcoming addresses
- Setting the scene: The RDF as a platform for collaboration on ICT/SDG related project implementation in Africa

12:25 – 13:40 VIRTUAL ROUND TABLE ONE: Results and impact oriented regional actions from WTDC-17 and toward WTDC-21

Thematic priorities | Results Based Management Approach | ITU Actions at the Regional Level | ITU as Part of Regional United Nations Sustainable Development System | Regional Initiatives | Study Groups | Partnerships | Resource Mobilization | Membership | WSIS Action Lines and SDGs

13:40 – 14:45 VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE TWO: Implementation, collaboration and funding - Regional projects, initiatives, and partnerships contributing to the achievement of the SDGs, WSIS Action Lines and regional priorities

In focus ITU development thematic priorities: **Networks and digital infrastructure, Cybersecurity, Emergency telecommunications, Environment, Digital policy and regulation**, together with the related regional initiatives.

Fire-starter

- **AFR Regional initiative 2** – Promotion of emerging broadband technologies
- **AFR Regional initiative 3** – Building trust and security in the use of telecommunications/information and communication technology
- **AFR Regional initiative 5** – Management and monitoring of the radio-frequency spectrum and transition to digital broadcasting

Strategic Partnerships | New Projects | Resource Mobilization | Broadband Infrastructure Mapping | PRIDA | Cybersecurity | Giga – School Connectivity

14:45 – 15:00 WRAP UP OF DAY 1

Wednesday, 7 October 2020

12:00 – 15:00 Addis Ababa time CAT (GMT+3)

12:00 – 12:05 OPENING OF DAY 2

12:05 – 13:30 VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE THREE: Implementation, collaboration and funding - - Projects, initiatives, and partnerships contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, WSIS Action Lines and regional priorities

In focus ITU development thematic priorities: **Capacity development, Digital services and applications, Digital inclusion, Digital innovation ecosystems, Statistics and data for evidence-based decision making** together with the related regional initiatives.

Fire-starter

- **AFR Regional initiative 1** – Building digital economies and fostering innovation in Africa
- **AFR Regional initiative 4** – Strengthening human and institutional capacity building

Strategic Partnerships | New Projects | Resource Mobilization | Smart Villages | Decent Jobs and Digital Skills |

Digital Financial Inclusion | Digital Innovation and Ecosystem Building |
Digital Empowerment and African Girls Can Code

13:30 – 14:45 VIRTUAL REVIEW: Next steps for digital development, partnerships and funding

14:45 – 15:00 CONCLUSIONS AND WAY FORWARD

ANNEX 2

Template for the submission of contributions to RDF-AFR 2020.

All stakeholders who are involved in the implementation of development projects, or have promising ideas for the future, are invited to submit their written input and proposals in the form of contributions by **15 September 2020** to itu-ro-africa@itu.int.