

## **ATU Consultative Forum on the Implementation Promotion of Resolution 170**

*Virtual event*

### ***Opening Remarks***

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Mr. John Omo, Secretary General of the ATU,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning.

I would like to start by thanking the ATU Secretary General for his kind invitation. It is a pleasure for me to address you today in this Consultative Forum on the Implementation Promotion of Resolution 170.

The ITU Radiocommunication Bureau is honored to support the African Telecommunications Union in fulfilling its mission.

And we have successfully collaborated with the ATU on several occasions.

- On the implementation of WRC-19 Resolution 559, we were very pleased to be able to assist the African countries having degraded resources in the BSS plan to regain a better reference situation.
- The BR was also delighted to collaborate with the ATU on the optimization of the GE84 Plan for African countries to increase the number of available channels for FM stations in the continent.

- We were thrilled to participate in the working sessions and to contribute to the drafting process of the Task Group on Satellite Resources.
- I have personally witnessed the cohesion of the ATU Region to formulate regionally harmonized recommendations and policies aimed at improving access to information infrastructure and services.

Thus, the ITU and the ATU have had an excellent level of cooperation with regards to activities on spectrum management in general that go beyond the preparation for WRC-23.

Now, in this Forum, the ATU takes yet another important step. After successfully representing the interests of its members at WRC-19, and ensuring the approval of Resolution 170, this Forum will now promote the implementation of the said Resolution to emulate with the FSS Plan what has already been successfully achieved with the BSS Plan through Resolution 559.

Different from Resolution 559, which was a one-time overall opportunity that all eligible African countries seized, Resolution 170 is a multifaceted, longer-term mechanism. It aims at facilitating the practical implementation of the FSS Plan either for countries with degraded situations compared to the Appendix 30B planning parameters, or for countries wishing to implement on a national basis technical parameters going beyond the initial planning exercise.

Similar to Resolution 559, regional cooperation remains an essential element of success for the implementation of Resolution 170.

Dear Colleagues,

While the strategic aspects of the implementation of this Resolution can only be addressed by Member States, I would like to reiterate the availability of the Radiocommunication Bureau for any assistance and support regarding the procedures and technicalities of the application of Resolution 170. In fact, we have

four experts from the Bureau attending this meeting, who are at your disposal to deliver a brief presentation of Resolution 170 should ATU Member States wish to get more detailed explanations, or just to reply to questions asked on the spot. As you know, leveraging satellite resources of several countries and applying the special coordination procedure defined in Resolution 170 will help increase the viability of expanding satellite coverage to all countries in Africa.

Dear Friends,

Once again, I congratulate you on the numerous advancements of the African region. Congratulations for coming together, uniting efforts towards developing policies, and most importantly, implementing these policies!

Connecting the other half of the world's population that remains unconnected and including them in the digital economy is not just the desire of the ITU and the ATU, it is our duty.

I wish you very fruitful deliberations and I am eager to support the practical steps, and the regional and sub-regional projects that will surely derive from this Forum.

Thank you very much.