

**Abstract 2 – ICT Development Initiatives (Projects and digital Broadcasting activities)**

Perceived by the world as an important tool in stimulating employment, economic growth and social development, ICT has an important role to play in Information Society. During the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) leaders around the world developed a plan of Action to spread ICT access across all regions. In light of this, for ICTs to contribute significantly towards wealth creation, employment generation, poverty reduction, and the attainment of the millennium development goals (MDGs) generally, concrete and sustainable e-applications have to be developed. ICT application being one of the Regional initiatives for Africa, ITU has a mandate to provide African countries with coherent applications, drawn from their national e-strategies, making it possible to use modern data transmission and internet networks to provide electronic services for administration, health, education, trade and the economy as a whole. Following the WSIS Resolutions, ITU is playing a role in strengthening and accelerating these efforts, and sharing its immense best practice experiences from elsewhere. In addition, to fulfill the fifth Regional initiative for Africa, Introduction of new Digital Broadcasting Technologies, ITU is assisting African countries in the migration preparations to upgraded television broadcasting infrastructure that is compatible with the new digital broadcasting plans (RRC-06, Geneva).