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Report from the meeting of Regulatory Associations

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Introduction

The meeting was chaired by Mr Alagi B. Gaye, Director General, PURA, Vice-Chair of West African Telecommunications Regulators Assembly (WATRA) Seven Regional Associations attended: AREGNET, ARCTEL, ARCTAC, EACO, FRATEL, REGULATEL, WATRA; ITU was represented by Mr Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid, Director, ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau

Presentations made by REGULATEL, HIPSSA project, ARTP and ITU. Presentations will be available on line at :

www.itu.int/ITU-D/treg/Events/Seminars/GSR/GSR10/rras10/index-en.html

Topics of discussion

The topics for discussion this year included:

- Status and challenges of regulatory harmonization
- Regional experiences of international mobile roaming
- Transition from analogue to digital broadcasting

Outlook & Conclusions

Harmonization

- Regulators have legal, economic and technical expertise. This strength should be leveraged by regional associations to initiate and support harmonization on emerging regulatory issues before submitting recommendations to policy makers at regional economic community level

Outlook & Conclusions

Harmonization

- The general importance of regional harmonization of the legal and regulatory framework was underlined
- The meeting also outlined the importance of establishing standing working groups to help with the complexity of legal procedures
- Working groups could develop regional guidelines, streamline consultative procedures and assist national implementation

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Roaming

- The meeting underlined the challenges of international roaming regulation
- The experiences of roaming in the Arab States, EU and Latin America all underlined the importance of cooperation and coordination on a regional level

Outlook & Conclusions

Analogue to digital

- It was suggested that ITU could help to provide case studies and share country experiences with other countries
- The meeting stressed the need to increase public and political awareness of the benefits and importance of the digital dividend
- The key role of regulatory associations in the harmonization and coordination of frequency assignment and standards was also stressed

Outlook & Conclusions

Analogue to digital

- Close cooperation was called for between regulators and other stakeholders (National Roadmap Team, NRT)
- ITU can assist with guidelines, workshops on transition, regional meetings, individual assistance, and case studies

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Communication between RAs

- The meeting called on ITU to explore the possibility of enhancing the G-REX tool to inform and communicate with the regulatory associations more proactively
- The meeting applauded the Director of the BDT for his active role and continued help and support in the organization of the regulatory association meetings



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Thank you