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| ITU-T JOINT COORDINATION ACTIVITY ON ACCESSIBILITY AND HUMAN FACTORS [JCA-AHF] |
| CALL FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ITU ACCESSIBILITY FUND TO ITU- D SG1, TDAG |

**Summary:**

The attached liaison statement from the Joint Coordination Activity on Accessibility and Human Factors (JCA-AHF) is to inform TDAG on the necessity to disseminate the information and encourage any entities to contribute to the ITU Accessibility Fund managed by ITU General Secretariat.

**Action required:**

TDAG is invited to note this document

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| **LIAISON STATEMENT** |
| **Source:** | ITU-T Joint Coordination Activity on Accessibility and Human Factors (JCA-AHF) |
| **Title:** | Call for voluntary contributions to the ITU Accessibility Fund [to ITU- D SG1, TDAG] |
| **Purpose:** | Action |
| **LIAISON STATEMENT** |
| **For action to:** | **ITU-D SG1, TDAG** |
| **For comment to:** | - |
| **For information to:** | - |
| **Approval:** | **JCA-AHF meeting, Geneva, 20 January 2017** |
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| **Keywords:** | Accessibility; persons with disabilities; fund |
| **Abstract:** | This Liaison Statement is to disseminate the information and encourage any entities to contribute to the ITU Accessibility Fund managed by ITU General Secretariat.  |

At the JCA-AHF meeting on 20 January 2017, a presentation on the [ITU Accessibility Fund](http://www.itu.int/en/action/accessibility/Pages/accessibilityFund.aspx) and the recently issued [circular](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-SG-CIR-0056/en) was made by the ITU General Secretariat. The ITU Accessibility Fund was established in 2010 by Resolution 175 (Rev. Busan 2014) to support activities relating to the implementation of this resolution. Since its establishment, the Fund has supported different types of activities, which include the organization of an apps competition, the organization of training and awareness sessions, the support to the implementation of model ICT accessibility policy or providing funding to support the participation of experts with disabilities in selected ITU meetings. The latest approved proposal was to cover facilitating experts with disabilities to come to ITU meetings, which covered travel cost of experts with disabilities, captioning and sign language interpretations. This fund is based on voluntary contributions and Cyta (Cyprus) and RURA (Rwanda) generously contributed to the fund so far. ITU Membership and non-membership is invited to make further voluntary contributions to the fund to support ITU’s work in the area of ICT accessibility.

**Attachment: 1**

CL-16/56 ITU Secretary-General Circular (2 December 2016): ITU’s support of the 2016 International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) and call for voluntary contributions to the ITU Accessibility Fund



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