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| Ref: | **TSB Collective letter 3/SG2RG-AFR** **TSB Collective letter 3/SG2RG-ARB** **SG2/ZHJ** | * To Administrations participating in SG2RG-AFR;
* To Administrations participating in SG2RG-ARB;
* To ITU-T Sector Members participating in SG2RG-AFR;
* To ITU-T Sector Members participating in SG2RG-ARB;
* To ITU-T Associates participating in SG2RG-AFR;
* To ITU-T Associates participating in SG2RG-ARB;
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| Subject: | **Meetings of ITU-T SG2 Regional Group for Africa (SG2RG-AFR) and ITU-T SG2 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG2RG-ARB); Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 23-24 October 2019** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) of the United Arab Emirates, and in collaboration with the ITU Regional Offices for Arab States and for Africa,
ITU-T Study Group 2 Regional Group for Africa ([SG2RG-AFR](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/17/sg2rgafr/Pages/default.aspx)) and ITU-T Study Group 2 Regional Group for the Arab region ([SG2RG-ARB](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/17/sg2rgarb/Pages/default.aspx)) will hold their meetings in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 23-24 October 2019. These meetings will be preceded by the following ITU events, which will take place at the same venue:

* Interregional Arab-African Hands-on training on BSG; 20-21 October 2019
* Inter-regional Standardization Forum on Operational issues on numbering, emergency service and OTTs; 22 October 2019

The SG2RG-AFR and SG2RG-ARB meetings will start at 0930 hours local time on 23 October 2019. Additional information is set forth in **Annex A**, and a draft agenda – prepared in agreement with the SG2RG-AFR Chairman
(Ms Susan Nakanwagi, Uganda) and the SG2RG-ARB Chairman (Mr Saif Bin Ghelaita, United Arab Emirates) – can be found in **Annex B**. Practical information relating to the meeting will be posted on the SG2RG-AFR and SG2RG-ARB webpages at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/02/sg2rgafr> and <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/02/sg2rgarb>.

Participation in the SG2RG-AFR and SG2RG-ARB meetings is defined per clause reference 2.3.3 of [WTSA Resolution 1 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016)](https://www.itu.int/pub/T-RES-T.1-2016). Please note that continuity of representation would be helpful to the group's work.

Participation in the Forum is free of charge, and open to any participants who share an interest in these topics.

**Key deadlines:**

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| 25 September 2019 | - Submit fellowship requests (via the online registration form; see details in Annex A) |
| 23 September 2019 | - Pre-registration (online via the regional group homepage)- Submit requests for visa support letters (see details in Annex A) |
| 10 October 2019 | - Submit ITU-T Member contributions (by e-mail to tsbsg2@itu.int) |

I wish you a productive and enjoyable meeting.

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| Yours faithfully,*(signed)*Chaesub LeeDirector of the TelecommunicationStandardization Bureau**Annexes:** 2 |  ITU-T SG2RG-AFR |
|  ITU-T SG2RG-ARB |
| Latest meeting information |

ANNEX A
Additional information

**WORKING METHODS AND FACILITIES**

**DOCUMENT SUBMISSION AND ACCESS**: The meeting will be run paperless. Member Contributions and draft TDs should be submitted by e-mail to tsbsg2@itu.int using the [appropriate template](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/Pages/templates.aspx). Access to meeting documents is provided from the regional group homepage, and is restricted to ITU-T Members with an [ITU account](https://www.itu.int/en/ties-services) that has TIES access.

**WORKING LANGUAGES**: In agreement with the Chairmen of the Groups, the working languages of the meetings will be English, French for SG2RG-AFR; and English, Arabic for SG2RG-ARB.

**TRANSLATION**: Contributions for this meeting will be available in English, French for SG2RG-AFR; and English, Arabic for SG2RG-ARB. We invite you to submit your Contributions as early as possible to ensure there is sufficient time for translation.

**WIRELESS LAN** facilities and Internet access will be available at the venue of the event.

**PRE-REGISTRATION, FELLOWSHIPS AND VISA SUPPORT**

**PRE-REGISTRATION**: Pre-registration is mandatory and is to be done online via the study group homepage **at least one month before the start of the meeting**. Member States are encouraged to consider gender balance and the inclusion of delegates with disabilities and with specific needs whenever possible.

**FELLOWSHIPS**: Up to two partial fellowships per administration may be awarded, **within the Africa Region and the Arab Region only** subject to available funding, to facilitate participation from eligible countries. **Fellowship requests must be received by 25 September 2019 at the latest**. Please note that the decision criteria to grant a fellowship include: available ITU budget; active participation, including the submission of written Contributions; equitable distribution among countries and regions; and gender balance. Member States are encouraged to consider gender balance and the inclusion of delegates with disabilities and with specific needs when proposing candidates for fellowships.

**VISA SUPPORT**: As this meeting is organized outside Switzerland, visa support requests are to be addressed directly to the host of the meeting. Instructions can be found in the “Practical information” section on the regional group webpages at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/02/sg2rgafr> and <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/02/sg2rgarb>.

**ANNEX B**

**Draft Agenda
Meetings of ITU-T SG2 Regional Group for Africa (SG2RG-AFR) and
ITU-T SG2 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG2RG-ARB)
Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 23-24 October 2019**

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| 1 | Opening of the meeting |
| 2 | Adoption of the agenda |
| 3 | Overview of ITU-T Study Group 2 and Working Methods |
| 4 | Review of Outcomes of previous SG2 parent and regional group meetings |
| 5 | Terms of Reference and working method for SG2RG-AFR, SG2RG-ARB |
| 6 | Call location of emergency service |
| 7 | Experiences and challenges in National Numbering Plan development |
| 8 | Progress of the new National Numbering Plans repository (WTSA Res. 91) |
| 9 | Administration of E.212 Mobile Country Code/Mobile Network Code and Q.708 International Signalling Point Code |
| 10 | Harmonization of short codes (including USSD codes and emergency numbers) |
| 11 | Interworking between IP based telecommunication applications and the legacy PSTN/PLMN networks |
| 12 | IoT Identification |
| 13 | Use of Network Colour Codes (NCC) in border sites |
| 14 | ENUM |
| 15 | EID (eUICC-ID) |
| 16 | Combating misuse of national numbering resources |
| 17 | Caller ID spoofing and Calling Party Number Delivery |
| 18 | Alternative Calling Procedures |
| 19 | Number portability including NP for IoT/M2M numbering resources |
| 20 | Use of telephone numbers by stakeholders other than operators |
| 21 | E.212 shared MCC and MNC |
| 22 | Highlights of important ITU events, such as AI for Good Global Summit, IoT week and WSIS Forum  |
| 23 | SG2RG-AFR, SG2RG-ARB and Member Contributions to ITU-T Study Group 2 of December 2019 |
| 24 | Venue and date of the next SG2RG-AFR, SG2RG-ARB meetings  |
| 25 | Any other business |
| 26 | Closure of the meeting |

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