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- ITU Member States,
- ITU-D Sector Members,
- Regulators,
- Associates,
- Academia,
- Other stakeholders of the Centres of Excellence network for Africa,
- Regional organizations in Africa.

Subject: ITU Regional Development Forum for Africa, 9-10 September 2015, Dakar, Senegal

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Regional Development Forum (RDF) for the Africa region, which will take place at the King Fahd Palace, Dakar, Senegal, organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Senegal and the Africa Telecommunications Union (ATU). The Forum will be held on 9-10 September 2015, back-to-back with the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) Preparatory Meeting, to be held in the same venue on 7-8 September 2015. The host country will also be celebrating the “SMART Senegal Days” on 11 September, to which you are cordially invited.

Regional Development Forums provide an opportunity for high-level dialogue between the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and decision-makers of ITU Member States and Sector Members. They serve as a platform for assessing strategic orientations that may have an impact on BDT's regional work plan in between world telecommunication development conferences (WTDCs). In this context, these forums report on the activities of WTDCs, notably the Dubai Action Plan, with particular emphasis on regional initiatives in order to get feedback from membership to adjust BDT's work in each region of the world.

The Regional Development Forum for Africa will discuss in detail the five regional initiatives approved by WTDC-14, providing members with an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices in their implementation within the scope of the ITU Strategic Plan for 2016-2019.

ITU is a unique neutral platform for organizations to network and collaborate with industry, governments, regulators and academia. ITU has a global membership of 193 Member States (governments,

administrators and regulators) and over 700 Sector Members from the information and communication technology (ICT) sector.

Established in 1865, ITU has reaffirmed its reputation worldwide as one of the most resilient and relevant organizations and continues its work as the specialized agency of the United Nations for telecommunications and information and communication technologies. This year's Regional Development Forum is linked to the worldwide calendar of events to celebrate ITU's 150th Anniversary (www.itu150.org). We invite your organization to participate in this worldwide campaign.

The Forum will be conducted in English and French, with simultaneous interpretation. The draft agenda is attached. Please note that all information related to the Forum, including presentations and country information note will be available on the ITU website at: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa/Pages/default.aspx>.

No participation fee is required for this event. You are invited to register online using the following link: <http://www.itu.int/go/regitud> preferably before 31 August 2015.

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Yours faithfully,

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Annex: Draft agenda