ITU Regional Development Forum for Africa

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Hotel Radisson Blu, Dakar, Senegal

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The ITU Regional Development Forum "Delivering on Africa Regional Initiatives" aims to share and discuss the achievements, experiences, work programmes and partnerships amongst ITU members and interested partners for effective implementation of World Telecommunication Development Conference Recommendations. In particular, the Forum seeks to: • *Share best practices and past experiences in implementing the ITU Africa Regional Initiatives 2011-2014, associated ITU programmes, partnerships and projects;*   • *Discuss the ITU Africa Regional Initiatives (2015-2017), look at the expected results identify viable projects and seek innovative ways and partnerships for their implementation.*

Time	
08:00-09:00	**Registration**
	OFFICIAL OPENING
09:00-09:50	**Welcome remarks:** ▪ Director General of the Regulatory Authority of Senegal ▪ Secretary General, African Telecommunications Union (ATU) ▪ Director, ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) **Opening remarks:** Minister, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, Government of Senegal
09:50-10:00	**Keynote address** ▪ Vice President, African Development Bank

10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break and group photo

10:30 – 11:30	**Session 1: Setting the tone: Panel Discussion**
	
	Chair : Brahima Sanou, Director BDT
	
	This panel discussion will focus the overall requirements and the necessary role of different stakeholders in enhancing the role of ICT in Africa's development
	
	Panelists:
	
	  ▪ Minister of Posts, Telecommunications and Digital Economy, Niger
	  ▪ Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Senegal
	  ▪ ITU Regional Office for Africa
	  ▪ Vice-President, AfDB
	  ▪ Director General, Sonatel

11:30 – 12:30	**Session 2: Implementation of WTDC-10 and WTDC-14 Regional Initiatives**
	
	Chair: Chief of Staff of the Minister, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication, Senegal
	
	The Session will:
	
	  • Recall the main results of the implementation of WTDC-10 regional initiatives;
	
	  • Report on the implementation, since January 2015, of WTDC-14 regional initiatives
	
	      ▪ AFR 1: Strengthening human and institutional capacity building
	      ▪ AFR 2: Strengthening and harmonizing policy and frameworks for the integration of African telecommunication/ICT markets
	
	      ▪ AFR 3: Development of broadband access and adoption of broadband
	
	      ▪ AFR 4: Spectrum management and transition to digital broadcasting
	
	      ▪ AFR 5: Building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs.
	
	  • Discussion

12:30 - 14:00	**Lunch**
14:00–15:00	**Session 3: Breakout sessions on Regional Initiatives** *Session 3 will present opportunities for each working group to have a close look at assigned regional initiatives, identify projects, possible partners and potential funding.*

15:00 - 15:30	**Coffee break**
15:30-17:00	**Session 4: Breakout sessions (continuation)**

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09:00—10:00	**Session 5: Reports from breakout sessions** **Chair:** Andrew Rugege, ITU Regional Director for Africa. *In Session 5, Rapporteurs will present the work of the Working Groups on innovative ways of implementing all five regional initiatives adopted by WTDC-14.* **Presenters:** Rapporteurs.
10:00-10:30	**Coffee break**

10:30–11:30	**Session 6: Multi stakeholder round table on innovation and partnerships in delivering regional initiatives**
	
	Chair: Guinea Conakry
	
	Session 6 will facilitate innovation dialogue with ITU's international partners in public and private sector to discuss ways of future collaboration in the implementation of projects/initiatives and specific areas that also have an impact on regional initiatives and their support for the same.
	    o *African Development Bank(AfDB)*
	    o *Fiber to the Home Council (FTTH)*
	    o *INTELSAT*
	    o *Facebook*
	    o *Sonatel*
	    o *Ericsson*

11:30–12:30	**Session 7: RDF conclusions, recommendations and Closing** • *Rapporteur* • *ITU Regional Director for Africa* • *Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications*
12:30—14:30	**Lunch**