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- National Statistical Offices, Regulators, Sector Members, Associates, Regional Organizations, Academia from Africa

Subject: ITU Regional Workshop on ICT Statistics for the Africa; Lilongwe, Malawi, 20 – 21 March, 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the Regional Workshop on ICT Statistics, which is organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies and National Statistical Office (NSO) with the support of the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) to be held in Lilongwe, Malawi, 20-21 March 2018.

The workshop aims to strengthen the capacity of countries to produce national statistics and indicators on telecommunications and ICTs. It is intended for experts who are responsible for collecting or producing such statistics in ministries, regulatory agencies and national statistical offices.

The workshop will discuss the main groups of telecommunication/ICT indicators, their definitions and methodological issues, existing mechanisms of national coordination of ICT statistics, the dissemination and harmonization of ICT data at the international level, with a focus on the ICT Development Index (IDI) revised indicators which come into effect in 2018. Also, the participants will have the opportunity to share the experience of their countries in the collection and harmonization of telecommunication/ICT indicators.

The draft agenda is attached hereto (Annex 1).

The Workshop will be conducted in English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

The Workshop will be paperless. All materials of the Workshop will be available on the ITU website: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa/Pages/default.aspx>

There is no participation fee for this event. However, all expenses related to the travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by your Administration/Organization.

We are pleased to inform you the ITU will grant one full or two partial fellowships per eligible country within the Africa Region only, subject to the availability of funds. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration. Those intending to apply for a fellowship are required to complete the Fellowship Form (Annex 5) and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by email: fellowships@itu.int or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 no later than 2nd March, 2018.

Participants are invited to complete the registration form (Annex 2) and send it by email to cynthia.mapisire@itu.int and ITU-Harare@itu.int no later than 9th March 2018.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the workshop venue, accommodation etc., please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Andrew Nyirenda, Economist, MACRA; andyirenda@macra.org.mw; telephone: +265 999953224 and Ms. Linda Kambale, Economist, MACRA lkambale@macra.org.mw; telephone: +265 999042442.

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I look forward to active participation from your Administration/Organization.

Yours faithfully,

[Original Signed]

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Liaison to ECA and AU

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Annexes:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Registration Form
3. Practical Information
4. Visa support Form
5. Fellowship form