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**Subject: ITU Regional Economic Dialogue on Telecommunications/ICT for Africa (RED-AFR19) and Workshop on Economics, Finance and Business models for 5G and new Technologies for Digital Africa to be held, 9-13 September, Sancta Maria Hotel, Lomé, Togo.**

Dear Sir/ Madam

It is our great pleasure to invite your organisation to the Regional Economic Dialogue on Telecommunications/ICT for Africa (RED-AFR19) and the Workshop on economics, finance and business models for 5G and new technologies organised by the International Telecommunications Union, which will take place in Sancta Maria Hotel, Lomé, Togo, from 9 to 13 September 2019. These events are organised by the ITU Telecommunications Development Bureau (BDT) in close collaboration with Autorité de Réglementation des Secteurs de Postes et de Télécommunications (ARTP).

As the only setting dedicated to the discussion of regulatory, economics and finance issues of telecommunication/ICTs at regional level, RED-AFR19 will focus on topics of interest such as connecting the unconnected; the converging digital world; the economic and financial aspects and models for the emerging digital ecosystem among others giving a platform to address emerging challenges and opportunities in the region. Telecommunication/ICT policy makers, regulators, industry, and consumer associations will have the opportunity to share information, knowledge, and experiences.

The workshop, on the other hand, will explore in detail and provides hands-on knowledge on nascent technologies including 5G and explore the requisite policy and economic requirements for the advancement of the digital economy in Africa.

In addition, a half-day expert information session and meeting on ITU-D Study Group 1 Question 4/1 dedicated to Economic policies and methods of determining the cost of services related to national telecommunications/ ICT networks will be held; offering an opportunity for knowledge sharing with global regulatory and industry experts and communities.

RED-AFR19 and Workshop is open to all the ITU Member States in Africa and specifically to experts responsible on ICT regulatory, economics, finance and business strategy in Ministries, regulatory authorities, private sector, regional and international organization, consumer associations and academia.

Documents relating to these events and regular updates thereto (practical information, provisional programme, online registration and hotel reservation) are available on the ITU website at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa/Pages/default.aspx>. Participants are invited to register online at <http://www.itu.int/go/regitud> not later than **30th August 2019**.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French during the events. You are requested to indicate when registering online your preferred language.

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

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the RED-AFR19 and Workshop venue, accommodation, etc., please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Anna BARBOZA (e-mail: [anna.barboza@itu.int](mailto:anna.barboza@itu.int); phone: +221 33859 70 10 /21) and Mr. Koffi MANOU (e-mail: [koffi.manou@artp.tg](mailto:koffi.manou@artp.tg); phone: (+228 90041772).

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I look forward to welcoming you to these events.

Yours faithfully,

[Original Signed]

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