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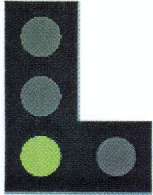
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**Subject: End of Initial validation process: ITU Interactive Terrestrial (Optical Fibers and Microwaves) Transmission Maps**

Sir,

Within the framework of the implementation of the [Interactive Terrestrial Transmission Maps Project](#) and further to the Circular Letter (Request for Information - [RFI](#)), which was circulated in the Region in 2012, we are pleased to announce that ITU has collected substantial input from the concerned stakeholders, compiled the first version of the map, and implemented the validation process on the secure ITU TIES website.


Please note that the data collected from South Africa is coming from reliable publically available source and has been given a Validation Status of Green (see definition below). The map was officially launched in October 2013 and, unless we are advised otherwise, this information is therefore ready to be publicly disclosed.

Traffic Light	Description from where information was collected
	<b>Green Traffic Light:</b> Information was sourced from an authentic, reliable publicly available source (such as a company website, annual report, presentation, or other publication), and has been deliberately put into the public domain by the network operator or administration (it is therefore not confidential). <i>The information is current and correct, and there is no reason why a public version could not be put into the public domain.</i>

The [validation process](#) of the collected data from South Africa will be closed at the end of November 2014 and therefore Dark Fiber Africa (DFA) has been contacted to check the **data under TIES website** and provide further comments and feedback, if any, by the above mentioned deadline. After 30 November 2014, **the data of your network will be part of the Interactive Terrestrial (Optical Fibers and Microwaves) Transmission Maps to be disclosed in to the public domain on the ITU website.**

With your help and collaboration ITU will continue working to make this worldwide transmission map as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

  
for Andrew Rugege  
Regional Director and  
Liaison to ECA and AUC

