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ITU-D will organize a workshop on development of an ICT-accessibility Policy for the East **Africa region**. The workshop is organized by the ITU Regional Office for Africa in partnership with the East Africa Community (EAC)  and hosted by the Communications Authority of  Kenya in Nairobi, on the 6th and 7th October 2016. The objective of the workshop is to discuss and develop policy recommendations on ICT accessibility. The policy recommendations will be addressed to policy makers in EAC Member States. It is expected that, upon validation and approval, the policies will then be transposed and implemented at the national level. The recommendations will also constitute a valuable benchmark for replication across Africa.

As a follow-up of the series of “Accessible Americas - Information and Communication for ALL” events held in [2014](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2014/1112-BR-Accssblty.aspx) in Brazil, in [2015](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2015/1104-CO-2ndAcce.aspx) in Colombia, **Accessible Americas III** will be held from 28-30 November [2016](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2016/15526.aspx) in Mexico. The Accessible Americas events have become one of the key events in the Americas region on the topic of ICT accessibility for persons with disabilities. Through these events the Americas region aims not only to bring together all involved stakeholders to work together to implement ICT Accessibility Policies but also to raise awareness, provide training, share best practices and track concrete results and progress in this topic.

ITU-D Question 7/SG1 will be meeting next week on the 23rd of September so later the reports and other documents of Q7/1 presented at this meeting will be posted on the JCA-AHF document page.

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