

**Message of Dr Hamadoun Touré
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Today's regulators face the daunting task of defining national broadband goals while ensuring markets benefit from the healthy competition that stimulates innovation and delivers digital inclusion for all. Successfully implementing national broadband strategies means working in partnership with all stakeholders in today's complex ICT ecosystem – fixed and mobile operators, VNOs, ISPs, broadcasters and other emerging network service and content providers. Understanding the complex changes that are constantly reshaping the ICT landscape, and adopting innovative and timely regulatory measures and tools that take into account the transnational aspects of our digital society, is a constant challenge.

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I look forward to joining you in Colombo on October 2-4.

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