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|  | Geneva, 2 September 2021 |
| Ref: | **TSB Collective letter 3/SG17RG-AFR** SG17/XY | * To Administrations participating in SG17RG-AFR;
* To ITU-T Sector Members participating in SG17RG‑AFR;
* To ITU-T Associates participating in SG17RG-AFR;
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| **Subject**: | **Virtual meeting of ITU-T Study Group 17 Regional Group for Africa (SG17RG-AFR),****28 September 2021** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the upcoming meeting of **ITU-T Study Group 17 Regional Group for Africa** **(SG17RG-AFR)** which will take place virtually on 28 September 2021, from 0930 to 1130 hours (Geneva time), during ATU-4, WTSA-20 regional preparatory meeting, 27th September – 1st October 2021.

Please note that no fellowships will be awarded, and the entire meeting will run in English and interpretation in French will be available.

The **SG17RG-AFR** meeting will open at 0930 hours Geneva time, using virtual meeting platform kindly provided by ATU. Delegates must register for the meeting online (<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdu6oqjwsEtYziWdLqTzIGeLWGpdeQO97>) in order to access the platform.

The regional group meeting will be restricted to delegates and representatives from Member States, Sector Members and Associates of the ITU and ATU, registered to attend ATU-4, WTSA-20 regional preparatory meeting, 27th September – 1st October 2021.

The draft Agenda of the meeting, prepared by Ms Mwende Njiraini (Kenya), Chairman ITU-T SG17RG-AFR, is set out in **Annex B**.

Access to meeting documents is provided from the regional group homepage and is restricted to ITU-T Members who have an [ITU user account](http://www.itu.int/TIES/) with TIES access.

**Key deadlines:**

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| 10 September 2021 | - Pre-registration (online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdu6oqjwsEtYziWdLqTzIGeLWGpdeQO97> , also available in the [[SG17RG-AFR website](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/17/sg17rgafr/Pages/default.aspx)](http://itu.int/go/sg5rgafr)) |
| 15 September 2021 | - Submit ITU-T Member Contributions by e-mail to tsbsg17@itu.int |

I wish you a productive and enjoyable meeting.

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| Yours faithfully,Chaesub LeeDirector of the TelecommunicationStandardization Bureau**Annexes:** 2 | This QR code redirects to the latest meeeting information at: http://handle.itu.int/11.1002/groups/sg17_rg-afr ITU-T SG17RG-AFR |
| Latest meeting information |

ANNEX A
Practical Meeting information

**WORKING METHODS AND FACILITIES**

**DOCUMENT SUBMISSION AND ACCESS:** Member contributions and draft TDs should be submitted by e-mail (tsbsg17@itu.int) to the study group secretariat using the[appropriate template](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/Pages/templates.aspx). Access to meeting documents is provided from the regional group homepage and is restricted to ITU-T Members who have an [ITU user account](http://www.itu.int/TIES/) with TIES access.

**WORKING LANGUAGE**: In agreement with the Chairman of the Regional Group, the entire meeting will run in English and interpretation in French will be available.

**INTERACTIVE REMOTE PARTICIPATION**: Virtual meeting platform of ATU will be used to provide remote participation for all sessions, including decisions-making sessions. Delegates must register for the meeting and identify themselves and their affiliation when taking the floor. Remote participation is provided on a best-effort basis. Participants should be aware that the meeting will not be delayed or interrupted because of a remote participant’s inability to connect, listen, or be heard, as per the chairman's discretion. If the voice quality of a remote participant is considered insufficient, the Chairman may interrupt the remote participant and may refrain from giving the participant the floor until there is indication that the problem is resolved. The meeting chat facility is an integral part of the meeting, and its use is encouraged to facilitate efficient time management during the sessions.

**REGISTRATION, NEW DELEGATES, FELLOWSHIPS AND VISA SUPPORT**

**REGISTRATION:** Registration is mandatory and is to be done online at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdu6oqjwsEtYziWdLqTzIGeLWGpdeQO97> (also available in the [SG17RG-AFR website](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/17/sg17rgafr/Pages/default.aspx)). Without registration, delegates will not be able to access the virtual meeting platform provided by ATU for this event.

**FELLOWSHIPS AND VISA SUPPORT:** For virtual meetings, since there is no travel involved, no fellowships are provided, and visa support is not applicable.

**ANNEX B**

**Draft Agenda
Meeting of ITU-T Study Group 17 Regional Group for Africa SG17RG-AFR
Virtual, 28 September 2021**

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|  | Opening of the meeting |
|  | Adoption of the agenda |
|  | Available documents (contributions and TDs) |
|  | Overview of ITU-T Study Group 17 and Working Methods |
|  | Review of Outcomes of previous SG17RG-AFR |
|  | Structure and leadership of SG17RG-AFR |
|  | Discussion based on Contributions to this meeting |
|  | Tutorial on Recommendation [ITU-T X.1060](https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-X.1060-202106-I): Framework for the creation and operation of a Cyber Defence Centre |
|  | Discussion on the SG17 survey on assessment of cyber defence centres in Africa |
|  | Any other business |
|  | Closure of the meeting |

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