

**3<sup>rd</sup> and final frequency coordination meeting  
on the GE84 Plan Optimization for Africa**

*Virtual event*

***Closing Remarks***

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Mr. John OMO, Secretary General of ATU,  
Distinguished participants and colleagues,  
Dear friends, Chers amis,

The last of our 3 coordination meetings has now come to an end!

I would like to thank everyone that contributed to this challenging and exciting project and to extend my appreciation and most sincere gratitude to the joint efforts of the representatives of the participating administrations, as well as to the colleagues of ATU and ITU, which have altogether worked so diligently to make these coordination meetings a success. This last coordination meeting gathered **220** participants from **45** African states and **11** neighboring countries.

I gladly and proudly express my congratulations to all of you, on the successful outcome of the GE84 Plan optimization for Africa project. Indeed, **87%** of coordinated FM frequencies in the frame of the most congested broadcasting Plan established 37 years ago, is an extraordinary achievement.

I am also impressed by the high level of participation and involvement of delegates during the period of more than one year, and by the significant number and great efficiency of discussions that continued constantly since July 2019, when the initiative was launched in East-London. I am sure that these meetings and discussions helped not only in providing your countries with additional frequency channels for radio but also in strengthening the networking among all participating administrations.

Chers amis,

L'Accord Régional GE84 est très condensé, néanmoins le projet de son optimisation pour les pays Africains était une nécessité afin de vous permettre d'assigner des fréquences aux stations radio et réponde à la demande croissante des opérateurs radio dans vos pays. Tous les efforts fournis dans ce cadre en valaient largement la peine, sachant que ces fréquences additionnelles et nouvellement acquises ou mises à jour, vous permettent également d'être prêts pour l'introduction de la radio numérique sonore.

Les réunions de coordination dans le cadre de ce projet sont belles et bien terminées mais l'Accord de GE84 est toujours vivant et en vigueur. Je vous invite donc à concrétiser ces acquis par la modification du Plan en soumettant les canaux coordonnés et assignables, et à continuer à utiliser les logiciels du BR et à coordonner ensemble pour parvenir à des accords concernant les canaux non assignables.

Dear friends,

I wish you all the best and I hope to see you in real very soon!

Thank you, Merci, Gracias, Choukrane, Obrigado.