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**Memorandum by the African countries attending the meetings of ITU-D
Study Groups 1 and 2 (Geneva, 22 September - 2 October 1997) -
Participation of African countries in the work of ITU-D Study Groups**

The delegates of the African countries attending the meetings of ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2,

welcoming

the positive results achieved by Study Groups 1 and 2 established by WTDC-94,

considering

that African countries should be involved in all stages of the work of the ITU-D study groups: development of ideas, approval, study, adoption of results and dissemination,

noting with satisfaction

BDT's resolve to spare no effort to ensure active and effective participation by developing country administrations in the work of the ITU-D study groups,

noting

that subregional and regional organizations have not participated in the work of the ITU-D study groups during the 1994-1998 study period,

recommend

that African administrations:

1   establish a mechanism for consultation and dialogue on the work of the ITU-D study groups, involving subregional and regional organizations and training institutes;

2   set up expert groups at the national, subregional and regional levels;

3 produce contributions on the Questions being studied;

4 propose Questions for study within the Sector;

5 ensure large-scale participation by countries in all study group and other ITU-D activities;

6 monitor the implementation of recommendations, resolutions, handbooks or guidelines produced by the study groups,

request BDT

to assist the African countries in:

1 organizing consultation meetings and preparatory meetings;

2 preparing meetings of regional or subregional groups of experts;

3 circulating questionnaires on subjects studied in the Sector and promoting participation by developing countries in ITU-D activities;

4 using appropriate computer facilities, forums, workshops and seminars to publicize the work and output of the study groups;

5 enhancing regional presence,

further request BDT

to append this document, with a view to its dissemination, to the report of the meeting of ITU-D Study Group 2 to WTDC-98 (Valletta, 1998).

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