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**Summary:**

The document contains some suggestions of the Director of Telecommucation Development Bureau (BDT) to Regional Telecom Organizations based on the experience of BDT in the implementation of Regional Initiatives. It has been submitted to Regional Telecommunications Organizations for their considerations as they deem appropriate when considering Regional Initiatives for the period 2018-2021.

**Expected results:**

RPM-ARB may enrich and use suggestions as deemed appropriate.

**References:**

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|      |      |      | To all Regional Telecommunication Organizations  |

Subject: **Brainstorming for the preparation of the Regional Initiatives 2018‐2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Throughout the period between WTDCs, programmes, projects and regional initiatives have been implemented that were guided by the Strategic Plan of the Union and the Dubai Action Plan. I will report on the implementation of the Dubai Action Plan and some lessons learned during the ITU Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPM) for WTDC‐17, the first of which will be for the CIS Region in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republicfrom 9 to 11 November 2016**.**

Some of the lessons learned, particularly during the implementation of Regional Initiatives would suggest that the formulation of a framework could help the Membership in their selection and prioritization of the Regional Initiatives for the coming period. You may want to consider the following non‐exhaustive list of core criteria:

* Alignment with the mandate of the International Telecommunication Union  Impact on people’s lives
* Interest for a big number of countries in the region
* Contribution to the socioeconomic development of the region
* Ease of implementation through concrete projects
* Attractiveness to donors, partners and non‐ITU stakeholders
* Alignment with SDGs and WSIS Action Lines

Please feel free to amend these criteria as you deem appropriate and share them with the Member States of your region in the lead up to the RPMs.

I truly believe that setting criteria will be useful as the Members proceed with the selection of Regional Initiatives for the next period.

This is a brain storming and I appreciate receiving your feedback on this approach. Yours sincerely,

(signed)

Brahima Sanou

Director

cc: ITU Regional Directors

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