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- African Telecommunications Union
- Asia-Pacific Telecommunity
- COM-ITU - European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations
- Inter-American Telecommunication Commission
- Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications
- League of Arab States

Subject: Proposed dates for Regional Preparatory Meetings for WTDC-17

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you know, the 19th ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, held in October-November 2014 decided that the next World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17) shall be held in the last quarter of 2017. In the run-up to this conference, we plan to hold six Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs), with two in the last quarter of 2016 and four in the first quarter of 2017.

As we prepare for WTDC-17, I would like to propose the following dates for the holding of Regional Preparatory Meetings:

- Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) : 8-10 November 2016.
- Regional Preparatory Meeting for Africa: 6-8 December 2016.
- Regional Preparatory Meeting for Arab States: 30 January-1 February 2017.
- Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Americas: 21-23 February 2017.
- Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia-Pacific: 21-23 March 2017.
- Regional Preparatory Meeting for Europe: 25-27 April 2017.

These dates take into account other planned major ITU events and will be submitted to the ITU Council next week for consideration and approval.

I would, therefore, be very grateful indeed to receive your feedback on the proposed dates by **Friday, 15 May 2015**.

As always, I count on your cooperation and assistance so that together, we can make the Regional Preparatory Meetings and WTDC-17 a resounding success.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

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