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Administrations of ITU Member States
of beneficiary countries (54 African countries)**Subject: Cross-border Frequency Coordination: Harmonized Calculation Method Agreement for Africa (HCM4A)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

A few years ago, the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) organized an assessment of the prevailing situation in countries regarding cross-border-frequency coordination in Sub-Saharan African countries. That initiative, the Harmonization of the ICT Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa (HIPSSA), resulted in a harmonized calculation method for Africa (HCM4A) agreement that was developed based on the European version (HCM Europe).

The PRIDA¹ project aims subsequently at strengthening the cooperation among African countries on cross-border frequency coordination.

Within the PRIDA project activities, the ITU has also commissioned external experts to:

- Analyze the current cross-border frequency coordination frameworks and agreements in the five sub-regions of Africa and to assess their alignment with HCM4A.
- Compare the HCM4A with the latest version of the HCM Europe.
- Provide a proposal on the systems and resources required for its implementation.
- Update the agreement considering the latest version of the HCM Europe agreement and the outcome of the above PRIDA activities; and
- Develop a manual including concise summaries of all technical and administrative procedures of HCM4A agreement.

I am pleased to inform you that an important step has now been achieved with the availability of the Harmonized Calculation Method for Africa (HCM4A) agreement, an activity that was undertaken under the aegis of the PRIDA Project, a joint ITU-European Union initiative throughout 54 African Countries. It includes

¹ PRIDA stands for “Policy and Regulation Initiative for Digital Africa” is a project funded by the European Union and ITU. <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Projects/ITU-EC-ACP/PRIDA/Pages/default.aspx>

administrative procedures for cross-border coordination and a harmonized calculation method (with a basic associated software to be enhanced and adapted).

This agreement was approved and validated by the focal points of concerned administrations. A full version of the agreement and its annexes is available [here](#).

It is my pleasure to invite you to consider joining this initiative by signing the attached “Indication of interest” (Annex 1) and returning it by 15 March 2022 to Ms. Anne-Rachel Inné, ITU Regional Director for Africa (e-mail: anne-rachel.inne@itu.int).

The countries signing the “[Indication of interest](#)” will be contacted for signature of the agreement and invited to join a working group aiming at adapting the HCM4A software and related training to ensure a successful implementation of this agreement.

Please note that Mr. Jimmy-Christel Ngoma, PRIDA Project Manager (email: Jimmy-christel.ngoma@itu.int, tel: +251 976 073 861) and Ms. Anne-Rachel Inné, are at your disposal to reply to any queries you may have.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your active contribution to the success of the project and I look forward to our continued collaboration in implementing this important activity.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Director

Annex: Indication of interest

CC:

- Mr. Christian MININGOU, Acting Head of the Information Society Division, African Union Commission (AUC)
- Mr. John OMO, Secretary-General of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU)
- HCM4A dedicated point of contacts in corresponding governmental entities of every country.