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To:

- ITU Member States from Africa Region
- ITU-D Sector Members from Africa Region
- ITU Academia from Africa Region
- National Regulatory Authorities from Africa region
- United Nations and Specialized Agencies
Regional and International Organizations

Subject: Invitation to the workshop on “AI, Data & Emerging Technologies for Digital Transformation and Inclusive Connectivity” 30 June -2 July 2026 for the Africa Region

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the “AI, Data & Emerging Technologies for Digital Transformation and Inclusive Connectivity” workshop to be held from 30 June to 2 July 2026 in Port Louis, Mauritius. This event is organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and hosted by the Mauritius Digital Promotion Agency (MDPA).

This workshop builds on the WTDC-25 Resolution 91 (Baku, 2025) on *Artificial intelligence technologies in telecommunication development* and the WTDC-25 Africa Regional Initiative on *Developing an inclusive and trustworthy artificial intelligence ecosystem in Africa for socio-economic development*—aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as our ITU ongoing work on infrastructure development and regional experiences focusing on AI-driven tools.

The event will bring together technical experts, policymakers, and practitioners to explore how cutting-edge digital technologies can accelerate inclusive and resilient connectivity solutions. It will enhance the understanding of AI applications across sectors like health, education, agriculture, and tourism, and demonstrate practical uses of open data, bringing together regional experiences and practical applications. The workshop shall also cover policy and regulatory discussions on AI governance, data readiness in Africa region to advance inclusive connectivity and digital transformation across the region.

No prior knowledge of AI and advanced analytics are required. Technical concepts will be introduced progressively through practical examples, demonstrations and hands-on exercises. Through practical labs and scenario driven exercises, participants will gain concrete skills in AI powered network planning, satellite imagery analysis, and multi-technology architecture design, enabling them to produce actionable strategies for expanding affordable, universal connectivity.

The workshop will be conducted in **English only**.

Each participant must meet the Mauritius entry requirements and cover their own travel and accommodation costs. If you require a visa to enter in Mauritius, consider the necessary time for its approval.

To encourage participation of Member States and subject to availability of funds, one full (or two partial) fellowship(s) may be granted per country **within the Africa region**. Full fellowships will cover a) the **air ticket**

(one return economy class ticket by the most direct/economical route from the country of origin to the meeting venue), and b) an appropriate **daily subsistence allowance** (intended to cover accommodation, meals and incidental expenses). Partial fellowships will cover either the air ticket, or the subsistence allowance. The applicant's organization is responsible to cover the remaining participation costs. To submit applications, please fill out the [form](#). The deadline for applications is **1st June 2026 (23H59 Geneva time)**. Candidate registration for the workshop prior to submitting the fellowship request is mandatory.

Please note that online registration is required to participate in the event. Please [register here](#)

For more details, please visit the [AI, Data & Emerging Technologies for Digital Transformation and Inclusive Connectivity](#) webpage.

Should you require any further information, Ms. Anne Rita SSEMBOGA, ITU Regional Office for Africa (E-mail: anne.rita.ssemboga@itu.int, phone number: +41 22 730 5488), or Mr Ismael Limalia (Email: ilimalia@mdpa.mu; Tel: +230 460-2600) are at your disposal to assist you.

I look forward to your active participation in this training event.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

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