



PLENARY MEETING

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Note by the Secretary-General

**CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF MEMBER OF
THE RADIO REGULATIONS BOARD (RRB)**

Further to the information published in Document 3, I have the pleasure in transmitting to the Conference, in annex, the candidacy of:

Mr Samuel Mandla MCHUNU (Republic of South Africa)

for the post of member of the Radio Regulations Board.

Houlin ZHAO
Secretary-General

Annex: 1



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Dear Secretary-General,

South Africa's candidature for the Executive Council and for the Radio Regulations Board for re-election at the Plenipotentiary Conference in Bucharest, Romania, 2022


1. In response to your Circular Letter CL-21/41 dated 27 September 2021, I would like to inform you that the government of the Republic of South Africa will stand for re-election to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Executive Council at the Plenipotentiary Conference in Bucharest, Romania from 26 September to 14 October 2022.
2. As a Council Member, South Africa re-iterates its commitment to actively promote and support the ITU's agenda; to connect all the world's people and to ensure their right to communicate. We also remain committed to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society. We will continue to work with the ITU to strengthen its governance arrangements, enhance the accountability and transparency in its work.
3. I hereby submit Mr. Mandla Samuel Mchunu as a candidate for re-election as a member of the ITU Radio Regulations Board (RRB), Region (D) for the term 2023-



2026. Mr. Mchunu has unique experience in regulation of the radio-frequency spectrum. He has a high-level scientific background and has valuable knowledge about the design and development of radio communication systems and in radio-frequency management. Since 1995, Mr. Mchunu has served at various positions at the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA), which is the organization that manages radio spectrum in South Africa.

4. I trust that our submission will receive your kind consideration.


Yours in service,



Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, MP
Minister of Communications & Digital Technologies
Republic of South Africa



CURRICULUM VITAE AND VISION STATEMENT OF MR. SAMUEL MANDLA MCHUNU, THE CANDIDATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE POST OF MEMBER OF THE RADIO REGULATIONS BOARD (RRB) (AFRICA REGION)

 A professional headshot of Samuel Mandla Mchunu, a Black man with a shaved head, wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a striped tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression against a plain light blue background.	<p>Name: Samuel Mandla MCHUNU Nationality: South African Date of birth: 02 October 1968 Civil status: Married Languages: English Contact: E-mail: mmchunu@icasa.org.za</p>
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EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mchunu has more than 22 years' experience in Radiocommunications and Telecommunications, in general. He was part of the team that made contributions to the development of the first South African National Radio Frequency Bands Replanning exercise in 1996; and its subsequent revisions to the current National Radio Frequency Plan 2018. He served on the committees of the then Telecommunications Regulatory Associations of Southern Africa (TRASA), which developed the Harmonized Radio Frequency plans for Southern African countries.

Mr. Mchunu was part of a Radio Frequency Spectrum Coordinating Committee which developed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with neighbouring countries, dealing with crossborder radio frequency spillage of mobile networks. He has been part of a South African delegation to every ITU World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRC's) since 1997.

He is currently employed by the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA), a Regulatory Authority as a Manager responsible for Radiocommunications. His

responsibilities, amongst others, include the development of national radio regulations, authorization/licensing of radio frequency use and international radio frequency coordination.

ITU EXPERIENCE

As a representative of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) at the World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC 15) he presented input proposals on WRC 15 agenda item 7 dealing with Satellite Regulatory issues.

He is a regular participant at ITU-R Working Party 5D, dealing with International Mobile Telephony (IMT) issues; and Working Party 4A, dealing with Satellite issues. He has participated as a speaker and a panel member at ITU Workshop on Spectrum Management for the Internet of Things Deployment-Geneva, 22 November 2016; and at the 1st ITU Inter-Regional Workshop on WRC-19 Preparation - Geneva, Switzerland, 21-22 November 2017. He is responsible for the processing of BR International Frequency Information Circulars (BRIFIC); and notification of space networks where the Republic of South Africa is the notifying administration.

He is currently a serving Member of the ITU Radio Regulations Board elected by the 2018 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference for the period: 2019 – 2022.

He is currently a Rapporteur for WRC-19 Preparations, representing the Southern African Development Community (SADC), as well as the African Telecommunication Union (ATU) on WRC 19, agenda item 7 (Satellite Regulatory issues).

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

- Degree in Bachelor of Science, University of Zululand
- Advanced post-graduate Diploma in Telecommunications, Cable & Wireless College, United Kingdom
- Training on the deployment of Satellite Networks, United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI).
- Training on spectrum management Policy and Regulatory issues.
- Training on international Radiocommunication coordination.