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 Geneva, 15 May 2013

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* ITU-T Sector Members,
* ITU-T Associates from the African countries participating in the work of Study Group 12 RG-AFR and
* ITU-T Academia
* ITU Regional Office for Africa Region
* ITU Area Office, Dakar
* ITU Area Office, Yaounde
* ITU Area Office, Harare
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| **Subject:** | **First meeting of ITU-T Study Group 12 Regional Group for AfricaOuagadougou, Burkina Faso, 19 July 2013** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Autorité de Régulation des Communications Electroniques et des Postes (ARCEP) of Burkina Faso, ITU-T Study Group 12 Regional Group for Africa (SG12 RG-AFR) will hold its first meeting at the Hotel Laïco Ouaga, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 19 July 2013.

This meeting will be held immediately after the ITU Workshop on “***Benchmarking QoS evaluation of Multimedia Networks”*** (see TSB Circular 25), which will take place on 18 July 2013.

In addition, the first meeting of ITU-T SG5 Regional Group for Africa (see TSB Collective letter 1 /SG5RG-AFR and its Corrigendum) including a workshop on ***“Building a Sustainable Future Through Green ICT Standards”*** (see TSB Circular 11 and its Corrigendum) will be held from
15 to17 July 2013. These events will also be hosted by the ARCEP at the same venue.

I should like to inform you that the meeting will open at 0930 hours on the first day. Participant registration will begin at 0830 hours at the Hotel Laïco Ouaga. Detailed information concerning the meeting rooms will be displayed at the entrances of the venue. Additional information about the meeting is set forth in **Annex A.**

The draft **Agenda** of the meeting, as prepared by the Chairman of SG12RG-AFR, is set out in **Annex B**.

Practical information relating to the venue is enclosed as **Annex C.**

I wish you a productive and enjoyable meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Malcolm Johnson
Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau

Annexes: 3

**ANNEX A**(to TSB Collective letter 1/SG12RG-AFR)

**MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS**

**DEADLINES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:** We invite you to submit your contributions by electronic mail to the following address tsbsg12rgafr@itu.int. The deadline for contributions is 12 (twelve) calendar days before the meeting. Such contributions will be published on the Study Group 12 RG-AFR website and must therefore be received by TSB **not later than 6 July 2013.** We invite you to submit your contributions as early as possible to ensure there is sufficient time for translation.

**TEMPLATES:** Please use the provided set of templates to prepare your contribution. The templates are accessible at <http://itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/templates>. The name, fax and telephone numbers and e-mail address of the person to be contacted about the contribution should be indicated on the cover page of all documents.

**WORK METHODS AND FACILITIES**

**INTERPRETATION:** As agreed with the Chairmen of the Group, the working languages of the meeting will be English and French

**TRANSLATION:** Documents for this meeting will be translated in French and English.

**WIRELESS LAN:** Facilities and Internet access will be available at the venue of the event.

**PAPERLESS MEETINGS:** In agreement with its Chairman, Study Group 12 RG-AFR will take further steps towards working in a fully electronic environment. The meeting will therefore be run paperless.

**REGISTRATION and FELLOWSHIPS**

**REGISTRATION:** To enable the organisers to make the necessary arrangements, please send by letter, fax (+41 22 730 5853) or e-mail (tsbreg@itu.int) **not later than 20 June 2013**, the list of people who will be representing your Administration, Sector Member, Associate, Academic Institution, regional and/or international organization or other entity. Administrations are requested also to indicate the name of their head of delegation (and deputy head, if applicable).

**Please note that pre-registration of participants to ITU-T meetings is carried out *online* at the ITU-T website** <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2013-2016/12/sg12rgafr/Pages/default.aspx>

**FELLOWSHIPS:**

Fellowships will no longer be provided for this meeting due to budget restrictions

**KEY DEADLINES (before meeting)**

20 June 2013 - online registration

6 July 2013 - final deadline for contributions

**FORM 1 – ARRIVAL AND TRANSPORTATION TO HOTEL**

(to TSB Collective letter 1/SG12RG-AFR)

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|  | **ITU-T Study Group 12RG-AFR meeting****Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 19 July 2013** |  |
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| **To ensure transfer to and from the airport, participants are requested to complete and return this form to Marguerite OUEDRAOGO / BONANE, by 28 June 2013 at the latest by e-mail ouedma@arce.bf Tel: + 226 70 24 43 95** |

Family name…………………………………………………………………………………………

First name……………………………………………………………………………………………

Job Title ……………………………………………………………………………………………..

Organization……………………………………………………………… Country …………..........

Telephone : :……………………………………………….

Email:………………………………………………………

Hotel where you are residing:

Hotel Name ……………………………………………………………

Address …………………………………………………………

**Transportation will be provided from the airport to the hotels and to the meeting venue. Please provide your arrival and departure flight information to facilitate arrangements for transportation.**

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| Date of Arrival |  |  | Time of Flight Arrival |  | FLIGHT NO. |  |
| Date ofDeparture |  |  | Time of Flight Departure |  | FLIGHT NO. |  |

**ANNEX B**(to TSB Collective letter 1/SG12RG-AFR)

**Draft Agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Main decisions taken by WTSA-12
4. Organization of the work of SG12RG-AFR
5. Results of the last ITU-T Study Group 12 meeting
6. Report of the last SG12 RG-AFR meeting
7. Priorities of SG 12 RG-AFR meeting
8. Technical discussions
9. Preparation of the next meeting
10. Review of work program
11. Any other business
12. Closure of the meting

**ANNEX C**(to TSB Collective letter 1/SG12RG-AFR)

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

**1 Venue for the meetings**

Hotel Laïco
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
Tel.: (00 226) 50 49 98 00 /07
Fax: (00 226) 50 49 98 01/02

[www.laico-ouaga2000.com](http://www.laico-ouaga2000.com)

**2 Arrival, departure and transportation**

Upon receipt of participant flight details, arrangements will be made to meet participants at Ouagadougou International Airport and transport them to their respective hotels. Transportation will also be provided between the hotels and the seminar venue. The shuttle service is free of charge.

 **3 Delegate registration**

Delegate registration will take place at the venue (Hotel Laïco).

**4 Working hours**

Working hours (provisional): 0800 to 1230 & 1430 to 1730 hours

Coffee breaks: 1030 & 1630 hours

Lunch break: 1300 hours

 **5 Documentation**

Documents relating to the workshop will be provided at the venue, in electronic form during the training. Participants should therefore come equipped with a USB stick for downloading purposes, as well as a portable computer.

 **6 Accommodation / hotels**

Preferential rates have been negotiated for seminar participants. A list of the selected hotels, together with the special rates, is attached as Annex 1.

To reserve the hotel of your choice, please complete the hotel reservation form (Annex 3) for each member of your delegation and send it direct to the hotel, with a copy to Carole Kanmouni (carole.habiba@arcep.bf).

 **7 Visas (entry formalities)**

Passport requirements

A valid passport is required for all persons entering Burkina Faso, with the exception of citizens of ECOWAS countries, for whom a simple national identity card will suffice.

Visa

All visitors with the exception of citizens of ECOWAS countries require a visa to enter Burkina Faso. Visas can be obtained from diplomatic or consular missions representing the Government of Burkina Faso in other countries.

Issuance of visas upon arrival

To enable the issuance of an entry visa upon their arrival at Ouagadougou International Airport, visitors arriving from countries in which there is no diplomatic or consular mission representing the Government of Burkina Faso, are requested to provide, no later than **15 June** **2013**, their name, date of birth, nationality and passport number to:

The Organizing Committee
Email: osi@arce.bf or ouatsi@arce.bf

Tel.: +226 70 21 41 53

Participants from all countries may obtain their visa upon arrival at Ouagadougou International Airport upon payment of 72 000 CFA francs (approximately USD 175) and presentation of two passport photos.

Customs formalities

Visitors entering Burkina Faso may bring with them a maximum of four litres of alcohol. Personal items in reasonable quantities (cameras, video cameras, watches, pens, cigarette lighters and cosmetics) may be imported tax-free. Other items (video recorders and other electronic goods) are subject to customs duties, to be paid on the spot. Illicit drugs may not be brought into Burkina Faso.

 **8 Health**

All persons wishing to enter Burkina Faso must be in possession of a valid certificate of vaccination against yellow fever. Vaccination against hepatitis and cholera is recommended. Malaria is widespread in Burkina Faso, and the appropriate preventive measures are therefore also recommended.

Vaccination essential

• Yellow fever

Vaccination recommended

• Hepatitis A and B

• Diphtheria-tetanus-polio (DTP)

• Meningitis A+C+Y+W135

Participants are advised that free-of-charge first aid arrangements will be in place, with a full-time service located at the meetings venue. Cases of hospitalization and evacuation are to be handled by participants themselves in the following medical centres:

 **Hôpital national Yalgado OUEDRAOGO**

 Avenue de l’Oubritenga, opposite CNRST

 Tel.: (+226) 50 31 16 55/56

 **Clinique Philadelphie**

 404, Rue du Président Maurice YAMEOGO

 Tel.: (+226) 50 33 28 71

 E-mail: clinique-philidelphie@fasonet.bf

 **Clinique du Cœur**

 Avenue Pascal ZAGRE, Ouaga 2000

 Tel.: (+226) 50 39 74 74/75 75

 E-mail: clinique\_du\_coeur@fasonet.bf

 **Clinique El Fateh – Suka**

Tel.: (+226) 50 43 16 43/06 00

E-mail: clinique.elfateh@suka.bf

 **9 Currency / exchange rate**

The official currency is the *franc de la Communauté Financière Africaine* (FCFA). Banknote values are FCFA 10 000, 5 000, 2 000, 1 000 and 500, and coins are valued at FCFA 500, 250, 200, 100, 50, 25, 10 and 5. Burkina Faso belongs to the CFA franc zone. There is no limit on the amount of foreign currency or travellers cheques that visitors may bring into Burkina Faso. Commercial banks and hotels provide exchange facilities, and money may also be exchanged at the airport.

To obtain a list of agencies, visit the site [www.westernunion.com](http://www.westernunion.com).

Exchange rates are as follows:

USD 1 = FCFA 450 (Source: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com))

EUR 1 = FCFA 655.957

Automatic cash dispensers

Several local banks are equipped with automatic cash dispensers which accept Visa cards.

Western Union

There are several branches of Western Union in Ouagadougou.

Banks in Ouagadougou

**Banque centrale des Etats de l’Afrique de l’Ouest – BCEAO**Avenue Gamal A. Nasser
Tel.: (+226) 50 30 60 15/16

**Ecobank Burkina**42 avenue de Yatenga
Tel.: (+226) 50 31 11 11

**Bank of Africa**Avenue A. Sangoulé Lamizana
Tel.: (+226) 50 30 19 88

**United Bank of Africa UBA (**formerly **Banque Internationale du Burkina)**Rue de la Résistance du 17 Mai
Tel.: (+226) 50 31 42 39

**Coris Bank**Avenue N’Kwamé Krumah
Immeuble Coris Bank
Tel.: (+226) 50 30 68 14

**Banque Commerciale du Burkina – BCB**Avenue N’Kwamé Krumah
Tel.: (+226) 50 30 78 78

**Société Générale des Banques du Burkina – SGBB**Rue de l’hôtel de Ville
Tel.: (+226) 50 32 32 32

**Banque internationale pour le Commerce, l’Industrie et l’Agriculture du Burkina** – **BICIA-B**Avenue N’Kwamé Krumah
Tel.: (+226) 50 32 56 00

**Banque Régionale de Solidarité – BRS**Avenue Kwamé N’Krumah
Tel.: (+226) 50 49 60 00

**Banque pour l’Agriculture et le Commerce du Burkina Faso – BACB**Rue de l’Hôtel de ville
Tel.: (+226) 50 30 04 12

**Banque Sahélo saharienne pour l’investissement et le Commerce – BSIG**Avenue, Kwamé N’Krumah
Tel.: (+226) 50 32 84 01/04

**Atlantic Bank**Tel.: (+226) 50 49 24 46
Payment cards (credit/debit)

Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are not universally accepted. It is worth checking with your bank that you will be able to pay for goods and other services with your card.

 **10 Languages**

The official language of Burkina Faso is French. However, 90 per cent of the population speak native African languages belonging to the Sudanic family, the most widespread of which is Mooré, spoken by 55 per cent of the population. The various ethnic groups speak their own languages.

 **11 Climate and clothing**

Burkina Faso’s climate is tropical, hot and dry. There are two seasons: the dry season from November to May, and the rainy season from June to October.

The harmattan, a very dry wind which blows from the East, brings with it a very hot period from May to September, with temperatures ranging from 30 to 40°C. The average annual rainfall is 115 cm (45 inches) in the south-west, falling to 25 cm (10 inches) in the far north and north-east. The rainy season lasts four months in the north-east and six months in the south-east (from May to October). Lightweight clothing is recommended.

 **12 Local time**

Burkina Faso is in the GMT time zone.

 **13 Electricity**

The electric power supply is 220V AC, 50 Hz. Standard two-pin plugs are used.

 **14 Contacts**

For any further information, please contact the organizing committee set up by ARCEP.

Name: OUATTARA Sibiri

Email: osi@arce.bf or ouatsi@arce.bf

Tel.: +226 70 21 41 53

LIST OF HOTELS

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| **Hotel** | **Type of room** | **Pricein FCFA** | **Distance from meeting venue** | **Remarks** |
| **HOTEL LAÏCO \*\*\*\*\* OUAGA 200** Av. Zagré Pascal01BP 1603 Tel. +(226) 50 49 98 00Fax. +(226) 50 49 98 01reservations@laico-ouaga2000.com | Single or doubleJunior suiteDiplomatic suite | 84 031 (x)136 374 (x)180 900 (x) | N/A | Tourist tax: FCFA 1180 per person/nightMunicipal tax: FCFA 2950 per person (single payment) |
| **JOLY HOTEL\*\*\*\***Tel.: +(226) 50 37 62 57Fax: +(226) 50 37 62 59 Email: info@jolyhotel.bf / jolyhotel.ouaga2000@fasonet.bf **10 mins from airport** | SingleDoubleJunior suite | 50 000 (x)65 000 (x)80 000 (x) | 5 min | Tourist tax: FCFA 1180 per person/nightMunicipal tax: FCFA 2360 per person (single payment) |
| **AZALAI HOTEL INDEPENDANCE \*\*\*\***Email: independance@azalailhotels.com Fax: +(226) 50 30 60Fax: +(226) 50 30 60 63 | SingleSingle with bath | 60 000 (x)65 000 (x) | 30 min | Tourist tax: FCFA 1180 per person/nightMunicipal tax: FCFA 2360 per person (single payment) |
| **PALM BEACH \*\*\*\***Av. Kwame N'Krumah 01 BP 5557Ouagadougou 01Tel: +(226) 50 31 09 91 / 50 31 68 29 / 50 30 69 79Fax: +(226) 50 31 68 39 | StandardPrestigeJunior suite | 35 000 (✓)50 000 (✓)75 000 (✓) | 25 min | Tourist tax: FCFA 1180 per person/nightMunicipal tax: FCFA 2360 per person (single payment) |
| **SPLENDID HOTEL\*\*\*\***Av.Kwamé N’Krumah 01 BP 1715Ouagadougou 01Tel.:+(226) 50 31 72 78/79/82Reservations:+(226) 50 31 24 54Fax : +(226) 50 31 72 91**3 mins from airport** | Single splendid ISingle splendid IIDouble splendid IDouble splendid II | 46 750 (✓)55 250 (x)56 750 (x)65 250 (x) | 25 min | Tourist tax: FCFA 1180 per person/nightMunicipal tax: FCFA 2360 per person (single payment) |
| **PACIFIC HOTEL** \*\*\*Av Léo-Frobénius - 01 BP 5818 OuagadougouTel: +(226) 50 31 30 37 / 50 31 32 42 / 50 30 65 42Fax: +(226) 50 31 30 39**5mins from airport** **pacifichotel@fasonet.bf** | SingleDoubleSuite | 42 00046 00080 000 | 25 min | Tourist tax: FCFA 1000 per person/nightMunicipal tax: FCFA 1500 per person (single payment) |
| **RELAX HOTEL \*\*\***Av. de la Nation01 BP 567Ouagadougou 01Tel: +(226) 50 31 32 31 / 50 31 32 33 Fax: +(226) 50 30 89 08**relax.hotel@fasonet.bf**[**www.groupe-soyaf.com**](http://www.groupe-soyaf.com/) | SingleDouble | 25 000 (x)30 000 (x) | 30 min | Tourist tax: FCFA 1000 per person/nightMunicipal tax: FCFA 1500 per person (single payment) |
| **PALACE HOTEL\*\*\*\*\* OUAGA 2000** 01BP 1603 Tel. +(226) 50 / 49 98 00Fax. +(226) 50 / 49 98 01 | Single or doubleJunior suite | 50 000 (✓)70 000 (✓)130 000 (✓) | 2 min | Tourist tax: FCFA 1180 per person/nightMunicipal tax: FCFA 2950 per person (single payment) |

(x) = without breakfast

(✓) = with breakfast

GOING OUT IN OUAGADOUGOU

Restaurants

**La Forêt**Avenue Bassawarga
Main dishes from FCFA 2 800
Open midday and evening

**Restaurant Akwaba**Avenue Kwame N’Krumah
Starters from FCFA 1 500 to 2 500
Main dishes from FCFA 2 500 to 4 000
Open midday and evening

**Maquis Le Pouvoir**Avenue Dimdolobsom
Main dishes from FCFA 1 000 to 2 000
Open from 1100 to 0100 hours

**Monopole Plus**Close to the Rue Agostino Neto
Main dishes from FCFA 3 000 to 4 500
Open from 0900 to 2200 hours

**Le Gondwana**Tel.: 50 36 11 24
Main dishes from FCFA 3 000 to 4 500
Open as from 1800 hours

**Restaurant de Chine**Avenue Houari Boumediene
Main dishes from FCFA 2 800 to 6 000
Open midday and evening (Wednesday to Monday)

**Le Verdoyant**Avenue Dimdolobsom
Main dishes from FCFA 2 800 to 4 500
Open midday and evening (Thursday to Tuesday)

**Baratapas**Rue Commerce
Salads from FCFA 800 to 1 500 / Tapas from FCFA 500 to 3 000
Open from 1000 to 2400 hours (Tuesday to Sunday)

**Restaurant l’Eau Vive**Rue de l’Hôtel Ville
Starters from FCFA 1 300 to 3 800
Main dishes from FCFA 3 800 to 5 900
Open midday and evening (Monday to Saturday)

**Le Coq Bleu**Rue Patrice Lumumba, corner of Avenue Kwame N’Krumah
Main dishes from FCFA 3 500
Open midday and evening (Wednesday to Monday)

**Diwan al Mokhtar**Tel.: 50 33 57 75

**La Rochelle**Tel.: 50 30 58 66

**Le Belvédère**Tel.: (+226) 50 33 64 21

**Le Tiébélé**Tel.: (+226) 50 31 29 14

**Appalousa**Tel.: (+226) 50 30 72 01

**Le duplex**Tel.: (+226) 50 37 56 56

**Le Monomotapa**Tel.: (+226) 50 37 60 99

**L’Orient**Tel.: (+226) 50 36 15 09

Delicatessens

**Chez Simon**Avenue Kwamé Krumah
Tel.: (+226) 50 33 21 46

**Paradis des meilleurs vins**Avenue Kwamé Krumah
Tel.: (+226) 50 30 63 64

**Les délices de Sesska**Route de Fada
Tel.: (+226) 50 36 61 28

**Pâtisserie de Koulouba**Located in Koulouba
Tel.: (+226) 50 30 77 17

**Les p’tits délices**Tel.: (+226) 50 39 96 66

Tourist attractions in Ouagadougou

-Bangr-Weogho botanical and zoological gardens

-Palais Mooro Naba

-Ouagadougou art and handicrafts village (VOA)

-Gounghin centre for women's art and handicrafts

-Bronze works in Nioghsin and/or at the Place du Grand Lion

-Loango granite sculptures garden

-Bazoulé sacred crocodile pond

-Manéga Museum

Shops

Marina Market; Orca; Cado Déco; Free Way; Burkina pas Cher; Scimas; Wrangler

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