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|  | Geneva, 1 December 2016 |
| Ref: | **TSB Collective letter 1/SG3RG-AFR** | - To the members of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR); - To the ITU Area Office, Harare, Zimbabwe;- To the ITU Regional Office, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia |
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| Subject: | **Meeting of ITU-T Study Group 3 Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR),Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 31 January - 3 February 2017** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (POTRAZ), ITU-T Study Group 3 Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR) will hold its meeting and associated Bridging the Standardization Gap (BSG) Hands-on Training Session at the “Elephant Hills Hotel” in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, from 31 January (afternoon) to 3 February (morning) 2017.

The meeting will be preceded by a one and half-day Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications/ICTs for Africa on 30 and 31 (morning) January 2017, organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT).

The BDT Forum will start at 0930 hours on Monday 30 January 2017. The meeting of the
SG3RG-AFR will start at 1430 hours on Tuesday 31 January 2017. The latter event will be restricted to delegates and representatives of administrations and operating agencies of the region, in conformity with §2.3.2 of Section 2 of Resolution 1 of WTSA-16. Please note that continuity of representation would be helpful to the group’s work. Participant registration will begin at 0830 hours at the “Elephant Hills Hotel”. 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 is set out in **Annex B**.

Practical information relating to the venue will be posted on the SG3RG-AFR web page at:
<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/03/sg3rgafr/Pages/default.aspx>

I wish you a productive and enjoyable meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Chaesub Lee
Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau

**Annexes**: 2

**ANNEX A**

(to TSB Collective letter 1/SG3RG-AFR)

**MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS**

**DEADLINES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:** We invite you to submit your contributions by electronic mail to the following address tsbsg3@itu.int. The deadline for contributions is 12 (twelve) calendar days before the meeting. Such contributions will be published on the Study Group 3RG-AFR website and must therefore be received by TSB **not later than 18 January 2017**. 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 meeting documents.  The templates are accessible from each ITU‑T study group web page, under “Delegate resources” (<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:** In agreement with the Chairmen of the group, the working languages of the meeting will be English and French.

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

**REGISTRATION and FELLOWSHIPS**

**REGISTRATION:** To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements, please send by letter, fax (+41 22 730 5853), or e-mail (tsbreg@itu.int), **not later than 31 December 2016**, 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 for ITU-T meetings is carried out *online* on the ITU‑T website (**<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/03/sg3rgafr/Pages/default.aspx>**).**

**FELLOWSHIPS:** We are pleased to inform you that two partial fellowships per administration will be awarded, **within the Africa Region only**, subject to available funding, to facilitate participation from Least Developed or Low Income Developing Countries (<http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Pages/resources.aspx>). Please further note that when two (2) partial fellowships are requested, at least one must be an economy class air ticket. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State. Fellowship requests (please use enclosed **Form 1**), must be returned to ITU not later than
**31 December 2016.**Please note that the decision criteria to grant a fellowship include: the available TSB budget, contributions by the applicant to the meeting, equitable distribution among countries and regions, and gender balance.

**KEY DEADLINES (before meeting)**

31 December 2016: Fellowship requests

31 December 2016: Registration

18 January 2017: Contributions

**FORM 1 - FELLOWSHIP REQUEST**

(to TSB Collective letter 1/SG3RG-AFR)

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|  | **ITU-T Study Group 3 RG-AFR meeting** and **Associated BDT Forum****Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 30 January - 3 February 2017** |  |
| **Please return to:** | **ITU** **Geneva (Switzerland)** | **E-mail: fellowships@itu.int****Tel: +41 22 730 5227****Fax: +41 22 730 5778** |
| **Request for one partial fellowship to be submitted before 31 December 2016** |
|  | Participation of women is encouraged |  |
| Registration Confirmation ID No: ……………………………………………………………………………(Note: It is imperative for fellowship holders to pre-register via the online registration form at: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/03/sg3rgafr/Pages/default.aspx>)Country**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Name of the Administration or Organization**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Mr / Ms **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (family name) **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (given name)Title: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
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| Please select your preference(which ITU will do its best to accommodate) |
|  **□ Economy class air ticket (duty station / Victoria Falls / duty station)** **□ Daily subsistence allowance intended to cover accommodation, meals & misc. expenses** |
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| **Signature of fellowship candidate:** | **Date:** |
| TO VALIDATE FELLOWSHIP REQUEST, NAME, TITLE AND SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL DESIGNATING PARTICIPANT MUST BE COMPLETED BELOW WITH OFFICIAL STAMP.N.B. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT FELLOWS BE PRESENT FROM THE FIRST DAY TO THE END OF THE MEETING. |
| **Signature:** | **Date:** |

**ANNEX B**

(to TSB Collective letter 1/SG3RG-AFR)

Draft Agenda

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| 1 | Opening of the meeting |
| 2 | Adoption of the agenda |
| 3 | Available documents (contributions and TDs) |
| 4 | Overview of ITU-T Study Group 3 and Working Methods |
| 5 | Review of Outcomes of previous SG3 parent and regional group meetings |
| 6 | Overview of WTSA-16 Results and impact on Study Group 3 |
| 7 | Economic impact of OTTs |
| 8 | Relevant market definition and identification of operators with significant market power (SMP) |
| 9 | International Roaming |
| 10 | Mobile Financial Services |
| 11 | Big Data and Digital Identity |
| 12 | International Internet Connectivity |
| 13 | Dispute Resolution |
| 14 | Economic Impact of License Pricing |
| 15 | Governance |
| 16 | Future Work Programme and Action List for SG3RG-AFR |
| 17 | SG3RG-AFR and Member Contributions to ITU-T Study Group 3 in 2017 |
| 18 | Venue and date of next SG3RG-AFR meeting  |
| 19 | Any other business |
| 20 | Closure of the meeting |

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