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|  |  | **Copy to:**- The Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of ITU-T Study Groups;- The Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau;- The Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau |
| **Subject:** | **Eighth SG13 Regional Workshop for Africa “Standardization and Future Networks: Opportunities for Africa beyond 2020” (Virtual, 1 June 2021)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 It is my pleasure to invite you to the **Eighth SG13 Regional Workshop for Africa “Standardization and Future Networks: Opportunities for Africa beyond 2020"** which will take place fully virtual on 1 June 2021 from 10h00 am to 15h00 pm CEST (Geneva Time).

The workshop will be followed by the ITU-T Study Group 13 Regional Group for Africa (SG13RG-AFR) meeting taking place virtually on 2 June 2021. Detailed information about the SG13RG-AFR meeting is available on the [SG13RG-AFR homepage](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/13/sg13rgafr/Pages/default.aspx).

2 The workshop will be held in English only.

3 Participation in the workshop is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions and to any individual from a country that is a member of ITU who wishes to contribute to the work. This includes individuals who are also members of international, regional and national organizations. Participation at the workshop is free of charge.

4 The **Eighth SG13 Regional Workshop for Africa “Standardization and Future Networks: Opportunities for Africa beyond 2020”** aims to give an overview of SG13 standardization work in areas of currently high interest, namely, IMT‑2020 and beyond IMT-2020 networks, autonomous networks, cloud computing, data handling, and quantum enhanced networking, trustworthy networking, and to share the main issues and standardization priorities of African countries in relation with these topics.

The workshop will also highlight the main challenges that African countries are facing in adopting future networks technologies and in getting more involved in the standardization process and will discuss possible measures to help Africa to overcome these challenges and to take advantage of opportunities arising from standardization and the future networks beyond 2020.

Participants will be able to share their viewpoints, findings, latest research, and experience.

5 All pertinent information relating to the workshop (including the draft programme, speakers, registration link, remote connection details etc.) will be available on the workshop landing page, at the following address: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/20210601>. The workshop website will be updated regularly as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check the website periodically for the latest updates. **Kindly note that registration is mandatory to participate in the virtual workshop.**

Yours faithfully,

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Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau