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| **Subject:** | **Sustainable Digital Transformation Week for Africa Region 2023(Kampala, Uganda, 15 – 19 May 2023)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) together with the African Telecommunication Union (ATU) are organizing the **Sustainable Digital Transformation Week for Africa Region 2023** from 15-19 May 2023, in Kampala, Uganda. The Sustainable Digital Transformation Week for Africa Region 2023 is kindly hosted by the Uganda Communications Commission. The event will take place physically at the Uganda Communications Commission, Conference Hall, UCC House, Spring Road, Bugolobi in Kampala, Uganda. Remote participation will be provided.
The Sustainable Digital Transformation Week for Africa will be collocated with the ITU-T Study Group 5 Regional Group meetings for Africa ([SG5RG-AFR](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-t/regionalgroups/sg05-afr/Pages/default.aspx)) and Arab ([SG5RG-ARB](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/05/sg5rgarb/Pages/default.aspx)) regions.

2 Digitization is one of the most transformational opportunities of our time. It is reshaping the global economy, driving financial inclusion, bridging information gaps, and transforming how we work, live, and learn. As such, digitization will be key for boosting shared prosperity in the Africa and Arab regions.

3 There is now a unique momentum and urgency to accelerate digitalization, narrow the digital divide, and develop the digital public infrastructure that can support this transformation. Together with international organizations, governments, and the private sector, we can leverage resources, align policies, and help countries in scaling up inclusive digital transformation in the regions.

4 The primary focus of this event is to initiate a global discussion on sustainable digital transformation, specifically in the Africa and Arab regions. The objective is to provide an international platform where stakeholders can gather to share their experiences, identify common solutions, and explore opportunities of leveraging digital technologies to enhance efficiency, productivity and innovation in ways that advance Sustainable Development Goals while minimizing negative environmental and societal impacts. This event encourages a closer look at the role played by international standards in the process and how these may facilitate positive change. Through meaningful exchanges, the event will reshape the global narratives of digital transformation and creates new avenues and opportunities for cooperation and collaboration in the Africa and Arab regions.

5 The Sustainable Digital Transformation Week for Africa will be held in English. French interpretation will be provided for the of ITU-T SG5RG-AFR meeting.

6 The structure of the event will be as follows:

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|  | 15 May 2023 | 16 May 2023 | 17 May 2023 | 18 May 2023 | 19 May 2023 |
| **Morning** | [Opening ceremony:](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/sg05rg/sdtw/20230515/Pages/default.aspx)[Bridging the Standardization Gap Training (Part 1)](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/sg05rg/sdtw/20230515/Pages/default.aspx) | [Forum on Sustainable Digital Transformation in the Africa Region (Part 1)](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/sg05rg/sdtw/20230516/Pages/default.aspx) | [Forum on Sustainable Digital Transformation in the Africa Region (Part 2)](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/sg05rg/sdtw/20230516/Pages/default.aspx) | [Workshop on Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) and human exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF)](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/sg05rg/sdtw/20230518/Pages/default.aspx) | [Bridging the Standardization Gap Training (Part 2)](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/sg05rg/sdtw/20230519/Pages/default.aspx)  |
| **Afternoon** | [SG5RG- AFR](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-t/regionalgroups/sg05-afr/Pages/default.aspx) | [SG5RG-ARB](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/regionalgroups/sg05-arb/Pages/default.aspx) | [SG5RG- AFR](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-t/regionalgroups/sg05-afr/Pages/default.aspx) | [SG5RG-ARB](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/regionalgroups/sg05-arb/Pages/default.aspx) |  |

7 The event will welcome top policymakers, business leaders and industry experts, representatives from the African and Arab region, UN agencies, academia, civil society, regional organizations, NGOs, and other relevant stakeholders. Participation is free of charge and open to all interested stakeholders including ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and academic institutions and to any individual from a country that is a member of ITU and who wishes to contribute to the work.

8 All relevant information pertaining to the Sustainable Digital Transformation Week for Africa (draft programmes, speakers, registration links, remote connection details) will be available on the main landing page here: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/sg05rg/sdtw/Pages/default.aspx>
These websites will be updated regularly as more information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check the website regularly for the latest updates.

9 I would kindly remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa to enter and spend time in Uganda. If required, visas must be requested before the date of arrival from the embassy or consulate representing Uganda in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. Deadlines vary, so it is suggested to check directly with the appropriate representation and apply early. Additional details and documentation needed for visa processing, if any, will be provided in the [**“Practical Information Guide”**](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/sg05rg/sdtw/Documents/Practical%20Information%20Uganda.pdf)which will be made available on the event webpage.

10 To enable the host to make the necessary logistics arrangements, participants are required to register via the online form available [here](https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Login.aspx?src=Registration&Event=C-00012497) as soon as possible and **not later than 8 May 2023**. Registration is required for all participants. **Please note that pre-registration of participants for the events is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively online.**

11 **Please note that a separate registration is required to participate in the ITU-T Study Group 5 Regional Group meetings (SG5RG-AFR and SG5RG-ARB).**
More information on the regional group meetings is available on the respective regional group websites; Africa ([SG5RG- AFR](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-t/regionalgroups/sg05-afr/Pages/default.aspx)), and Arab ([SG5RG-ARB](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/05/sg5rgarb/Pages/default.aspx)). The regional group meetings will be restricted to delegates and representatives from Member States, Sector Members and Associates of the ITU‑T Study Group 5 in the region, in conformity with clause 2.3.3 of WTSA Resolution 1 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016).

Yours faithfully,

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Standardization Bureau