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| **Ref:**  | **TSB Circular 125** | **To:**- Administrations of Member States of the Union;- ITU-T Sector Members;- ITU-T Associates;- ITU Academia**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;- The Directors of the ITU Regional Offices |
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| **Subject:** | **Ninth SG13 Regional Workshop for Africa on “Standardization of Future Networks and Emerging Network Technologies: African perspectives”** **(Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, 19-20 September 2023)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I am pleased to inform you that the **ninth SG13 Regional Workshop for Africa on “Standardization of Future Networks and Emerging Network Technologies: African perspectives”** istaking place from 19 to 20 September 2023 in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, under the kind invitation of [the Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications/TIC de Côte d'Ivoire](https://www.artci.ci/) (ARTCI). The venue of the workshop is the Hotel Azalaï located at bd Valery Giscard d'Estaing, Marcory, Abidjan.

2 The workshop will be followed by the **ITU-T Study Group 13 Regional Group for Africa (SG13RG-AFR)** meeting taking place from 21 to 22 September 2023.

In addition, SG2RG-AFR will convene **a half day workshop on** **IoT/M2M numbering** in the afternoon of
20 September. It will be followed by **the meeting of the** **SG2RG-AFR** alongside SG13RG-AFR meeting on 21 – 22 September 2023. All events will take place at the Hotel Azalaï.

3 The Ninth SG13 Regional Workshop for Africa on “Standardization of Future Networks and Emerging Network Technologies: African perspectives”aims to deal with hot topics of Study Group 13 in the current study period, mainly IMT-2020 and beyond IMT-2020 networks, machine learning and artificial intelligence for future networks, network evolution, trust, quantum enhanced networking, cloud computing and data handling. Sessions will also discuss African perspectives and standardization priorities in relation with these topics and share related countries’ experiences and successful stories from Africa.

4 The workshop will open at 0930 hours on 19 September 2023 and registration will open at 0830 hours on the same day. Detailed information concerning the meeting room will be displayed at the entrance of the venue. The workshop will be conducted in English with French interpretation. Remote participation will be provided for the workshop.

5 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.

6 All relevant Information pertaining to the workshop including practical information, the draft programme, remote participation details, registration details, speakers etc. will be made available on the event website here: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/2023/0919/Pages/default.aspx>.

The event webpage will be updated regularly as more information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check the webpage periodically for updates.

7 Wireless LAN facilities are available for use by delegates at the venue of the event.

8 To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the workshop, I should be grateful if you would register via the [online form](https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Registration.aspx?Event=C-00012905) available on the workshop website page as soon as possible**. Please note that pre-registration of participants for workshops is mandatory and carried out exclusively online. This workshop is free of charge and open to all**.

9 I would remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in Côte d’Ivoire. **The visas must be requested as soon as possible** and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Côte d’Ivoire in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure.

Delegates who require further information for their visa application should contact Mr Michael Bile at bile.michael@artci.ci and Mrs Djelika Kone at kone.djelika@artci.ci. For more details, please consult the practical information document available on the event webpage.

Yours faithfully,

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