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| **Subject:** | **ITU Workshop on Experiences and Challenges in Charging for Telecommunication Numbers Fully Virtual, 16 December 2024** |
| Dear Sir/Madam,1 I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing a workshop on **“Experiences and Challenges in Charging for Telecommunication Numbers”** taking place virtually on 16 December 2024 from 10h00 to 12h00 CET. The Workshop will be succeeded by the **joint meeting of the** **SG2 Regional Groups for the** [**Africa**](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-t/regionalgroups/sg02-afr/Pages/default.aspx)**n, and the** [**Arab** **region**](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/regionalgroups/sg02-arb/Pages/default.aspx) taking place online on 17 December 2024. 2 This Workshop is designed to bring together representatives from National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) across the African, and the Arab region to discuss the diverse experiences and challenges associated with charging for telecommunication numbers. As telecommunications sectors grow, managing number resources effectively becomes critical, especially as NRAs face pressure to balance fair pricing, equitable access, and efficient allocation of numbers. This Workshop aims to create a platform for exchanging knowledge and best practices on regulatory approaches, pricing models, and the obstacles faced by NRAs in implementing number charge systems effectively.3 The main goal of is to facilitate knowledge exchange and collaboration among NRAs from the African, and the Arab region on the strategies, best practices, and challenges related to charging for telecommunication numbers, fostering improved regulatory frameworks and resource management in the telecommunications sector.4 The objectives of this event include, but are not limited to:* Examining various pricing models and regulatory frameworks employed in charging for telecommunication numbers and evaluate their effectiveness across different regions;
* Identifying common challenges and obstacles faced by NRAs in implementing and enforcing number charging systems, including technical, economic, and compliance-related issues;
* Exploring innovative approaches and solutions to manage number resource scarcity, prevent number hoarding, and promote fair access across sectors and demographics;
* Discussing potential avenues for revenue generation and financial sustainability through efficient numbering practices, contributing to the development of national telecommunications infrastructure;
* Fostering partnerships and collaborative efforts among NRAs, allowing for ongoing knowledge exchange, resource-sharing, and mutual support in addressing the complex challenges of telecommunications number management.

5 All relevant Information pertaining to the Workshop including the draft programme will be made available on the event website here: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/2024/1216/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.6 **Registration is mandatory** for all participants planning to attend the Workshop. You are invited to complete the online registration form at : <https://www.itu.int/net/CRM/js/sr/C-00014834> as soon as possible.7 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, **however, it is primarily intended for participants from the two specified regions.**Yours faithfully,(signed)Seizo OnoeDirector of the TelecommunicationStandardization Bureau |