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| **Subject:** | **Fourth ITU Regional Workshop for Africa on “*Strengthening ICT integrity: Combating counterfeits, testing challenges, and fraudulent communications in the Africa region*” (Tunis, Tunisia, 1 October 2025)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing the **Fourth ITU Regional Workshop for Africa on “*Strengthening ICT integrity: Combating counterfeits, testing challenges, and fraudulent communications in the Africa region*”**. The workshopwill be hosted by the Telecommunications Research and Studies Telecommunications Center (CERT-Tunisia) and Tunisia Telecom, and will take place at the [Hotel Verdi Tunis Beach Resort](https://verdihotels.com) (*formerly known as Hotel Ramada Plaza*) in Tunis, Tunisia, 1 October 2025. It will be conducted in English only.

The workshop will be followed by the ITU-T Study Group 11 Regional Group for Africa ([SG11RG-AFR](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2025-2028/11/Pages/default.aspx)) meeting taking place at the same venue from 1 to 3 October 2025.

It should be noted that the SG11RG-AFR meeting will commence at 1600 hours on 1 October 2025, following the conclusion of the workshop. More details are available on the SG11RG-AFR web page at <https://itu.int/go/tsg11rgafr>.

2 This is the fourth workshop in the series that ITU is organizing to support African countries in addressing multifaceted challenges in the Africa region related to counterfeiting, testing, and fraudulent communications. The event aims at strengthening regional responses through knowledge sharing, policy dialogue, and technical cooperation. It will serve as a high-level platform for stakeholders from across the region, including governments, regulators, vendors, operators, and testing institution to:

* discuss the current challenges of the Africa region on conformance and interoperability;
* explore the implementation of the ITU Conformance and Interoperability (C&I) Programme and its role in supporting national and regional C&I initiatives across Africa;
* address the critical issue of counterfeit and stolen ICT devices, with particular emphasis on practical tools and mechanisms such as Equipment Identity Registers (EIR), product verification systems, and enforcement strategies;
* discuss emerging threats related to fraudulent communications, including scams calls, caller ID spoofing, and unauthorized use of network resources, with a focus on how ITU-T Study Group 11 (SG11) standards and frameworks can help mitigate these risks.

The workshop will also showcase regional best practices and highlight current initiatives led by ITU-T SG11 and its Regional Group for Africa (SG11RG-AFR) in supporting Africa's efforts to build a secure, trustworthy, and high-quality digital ecosystem.

3 All relevant information including the draft program and the list of speakers, will be made available on the event website at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/2025/0110>.
The webpage will be updated regularly as more information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check periodically for updates.

4 **Please note that pre-registration of participants is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively online.** You are invited to complete the online registration form available at: <https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Registration.aspx?Event=C-00015685>.

5 Participation is free of charge and is open to ITU Member States, in particular members of the Africa region, 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. All vendors and manufacturers, research institutions and academia, laboratories, regulators, operators, NGOs, customs authorities and security agencies, national standards and conformity assessment bodies and other such similar organizations within the Africa Region are welcome to attend.

6 As the event is organized outside of Switzerland, visa support requests are to be addressed directly to the host of the meeting. **Instructions can be found in the “Practical information”** section on the workshop webpage here: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/2025/0110>.

Yours faithfully,

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