

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF CONTRIBUTIONS



2020 Regional Development Forum for Africa (RDF-AFR)

*Digital transformation to accelerate achievement of the SDGs
– Digital development, partnerships and funding*

6-7 October 2020, 12:00 – 15:00 CAR (Virtual meeting)

with preparatory break-out sessions on 5 October 2020 (12:00 – 13:30 CAT time)

CONTRIBUTION BY Communications Authority of Kenya, Kenya

TITLE: Capacity Building for Actors in the Justice System

EXPECTED DURATION OF PRESENTATION: [5 minutes]

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❖ Africa Regional Initiatives:

[Yes/No] AFR Regional initiative 1 – Building digital economies and fostering innovation in Africa

[Yes/No] AFR Regional initiative 2 – Promotion of emerging broadband technologies

[Yes/No] AFR Regional initiative 3 – Building trust and security in the use of telecommunications/
information and communication technology

[Yes/No] AFR Regional initiative 4 – Strengthening human and institutional capacity building

[Yes/No] AFR Regional initiative 5 – Management and monitoring of the radio-frequency spectrum
and transition to digital broadcasting

❖ Related ITU development thematic: Capacity development

[Yes/No] Networks and digital infrastructure

[Yes/No] Cybersecurity

[Yes/No] Emergency telecommunications

[Yes/No] Environment

[Yes/No] Digital policy and regulation

[Yes/No] Capacity development

[Yes/No] Digital services and applications

[Yes/No] Digital inclusion

[Yes/No] Digital innovation ecosystems

[Yes/No] Statistics and data for evidence-based decision making

❖ Year(s) of implementation: **2017**

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❖ COVID-19 response related initiative: no



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Background [max 300 words]

The Harmonization of ICT Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa (HIIPSA) project supports the harmonization of the ICT Policies in sub-Saharan Africa whose broad objective is to establish a harmonized policy, legal and regulatory frameworks at the regional and continental levels to create an enabling environment that will attract investment and foster the sustainable development of competitive African ICT markets and infrastructure.

Following the success of The HIIPSA project and consultations between ITU and Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs, coupled with the realization that there is a dearth of knowledge of ICTS amongst the actors in the justice system, it became necessary to seek technical assistance and support towards capacity building in the emerging areas of digital technologies.

Proposal

The role of ICTs in shaping the digital economy and achieving the sustainable development goals in the long run cannot be underestimated.

The Covid 19 crisis and the resultant /consequential protocols and guidelines have brought into sharp focus the role of ICTS.

Kenya has since developed the following documents to shape the roadmap towards the digital economy:

1. Digital Economy blue print.
2. ICT policy
3. Digital Economy Strategy.

Kenya has also been at the forefront in passing legislations that are germane to the Digital Economy namely; Data Protection Law and Computer Misuse and Cyber Crime Law, Business Laws Amendments (Digital Signatures).

Kenya is also alive to the advent of emerging technologies such as Over the Top Technologies, Big Data, Artificial Intelligence etc and without an informed Judicial Officers, Prosecutors and Advocates, when disputes of ICT nature are brought to before the Kenyan Courts, the turn around in terms of dispute settlement or disposal may inevitably delay.

It is against this backdrop that technical support and assistance is sought to develop capacity of Kenyan Judicial Officers, Advocates, Prosecutors and Law Enforcement agencies in the areas of emerging digital technologies.

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