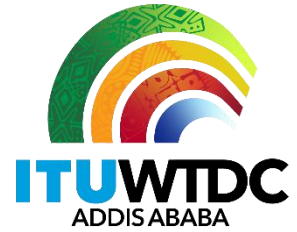




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**To: - Regulators and Ministries in
Charge of ICT in Africa
- PRIDA ITU FOCAL POINTS**

Subject: Online PRIDA workshop for the validation of HCM4A agreement (both in English and French)

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) would like to invite experts from concerned ministries and national regulators to the online workshop for the validation of Harmonized Calculation Method for Africa (HCM4A) agreement.

The four-day validation workshop will be conducted **online from 29 November 2021 – 02 December 2021, from 10:00 – 13:00 (Geneva time)**- with English/French simultaneous interpretation.

At PRIDA we are encouraging gender parity at our events, hence every country is welcomed to propose participants. At least one of them has to be a female participant.

The aim of this validation workshop is to present the updated version of the HCM4A agreement and the associated manual and to seek the initial feedback from the participants on the technical matters of the agreement.

After the workshop, administrations will have four weeks to provide their comments and feedback before the ITU embarks on seeking, in close coordination with regional organizations, the formal adoption of the agreement and the development of the necessary software.

The workshop relates to the Policy and Regulatory Initiative for Digital Africa (PRIDA) project, which is an initiative by the AU, the EU and the ITU. It also includes RECs, ATU, Regional Regulatory Associations, National Regulators, and other stakeholders.

All information on the registration, draft agenda and other documents related to the event will be soon available on the ITU website: [PRIDA, Harmonized Calculation Method for Africa \(HCM4A\)- Validation Workshop \(itu.int\)](#).

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We look forward to your respective participation in the event.

Sincerely Yours,

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