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ITU PRIDA Project National Focal Points

Subject: ITU PRIDA¹ Project National Focal Points meeting in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire 12 to 14 July 2022

Dear Madam/Sir,

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is pleased to invite you to the ITU PRIDA Project National Focal Points meeting to be held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

The meeting is scheduled from 12th to 14th July 2022 at a venue still to be confirmed.

PRIDA is an initiative by the AUC, EU and ITU. It also includes RECs, ATU, Regional Regulatory Associations, National Regulators, and other stakeholders.

It includes many direct and indirect actions for helping African countries to achieve efficient and harmonized spectrum utilization across Africa (harmonize wireless broadband internet spectrum), including training, capacity building, workshops, creation of national, regional and Africa level Guidelines and Roadmaps, etc.

National Regulators are the core of the project in terms of needs' and status situation gathering. Subjects include the Digital Dividend, SMS4DC, HCM4A, IoT (Internet of Things), Digital Broadcasting technologies, and cross border coordination across countries, among others.

PRIDA uses a bottom-up approach, by relying on National Focal Points for ascertaining country needs and suggestions for the PRIDA work programme.

Hence, in this meeting we will focus on discussing the project progress and in gathering each country's needs in the scope of PRIDA, in order to have a joint discussion on the proposed project activity plan. ITU will offer one full fellowship per one participant per country.

All information on the registration, draft agenda and other documents related to the event will be soon available on the ITU website: <u>Events in Africa (itu.int)</u>

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We look forward to your participation in the event.

Sincerely Yours,

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