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- Administrations of ITU Member States, regions and regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members and Associates and Academic Institutions
- Regional and international organizations concerned

Subject: Launch of the new online child protection guide, October 26 - 30, 2020.

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to take part in the activities of the launch week of the new online child protection guide for the Africa region, from 26 to 30 October 2020, which will be organized around sessions of leadership, conferences, demonstrations, exhibits and training sessions as well as consultations on dialogues with children.

The official launch will take place, online, on Friday, 30 October 2020, 15:00 (ET Time).

Children and young people are often at the forefront of adoption and adaptation to new connected technologies and the opportunities and benefits they bring, they are also exposed to a range of content, contacts and threats and harm online.

Helping children and young people manage risks online can be effective, but governments also need to ensure that there are adequate support services for those who experience harm online and those children know how to access these services.

In order to publicize these new revised guidelines on child online protection, which are aligned with Agenda 2030, and facilitate their promotion, adaptation and contextualization at national and African level, ITU is organizing a training of trainers from **26 to 29 October 2020**, as part of the activities to launch these revised guidelines in Africa. The training will be held, online, in French and English. **The regional office for Africa of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is therefore pleased to invite you to designate three to five national experts to take part and provide us with their names and contacts.**

The trained experts will be ambassadors of these new guidelines at the national level and in the Africa region in order to promote the involvement of all stakeholders.

The new guidelines, as well as the documents relating to their launch, practical information are available on the ITU website at the following address: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa/Pages/default.aspx> . Please send us the list of your nominated experts and their email by email to ITU-RO-Africa@itu.int no later than **October 23, 2020**.

For any further questions regarding the workshop, feel free to contact Mr. Serge Valery Zongo, Program Officer, ITU Regional Office for Central Africa and Madagascar (Tel: +237 22 222 9292, email: serge.zongo@itu.int) or Ms. Ida Jallow, Program Coordinator at the ITU Regional Office for Africa (Tel: +251 11 551 4855/4977, e-mail: ida.jallow@itu.int) which are at your disposal for any question relating to this event.

Sincerely,



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