« *The Digital Economy in Central Africa: Current situation and challenges in a globalised world*".

Yaounde Conference Centre, 23-25 May 2018

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 23 May 2018	
09:00 am ~10:00 am	**Arrival and registration of participants in the Conference** Entrance of the Tripartite Hall of the Conference Centre
10:00 am ~ 11:30 am	**Opening Ceremony** Plenary | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
	Welcome address of the Government Delegate of the Yaounde Urban Council *Mr Gilbert Tsimi Evouna*
	Intervention of Ministers of the Central African Subregion *Representative of Ministers of the Central African Subregion (5 min per Speaker)*
	Address of Her Excellency the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of Cameroon *Mrs LIBOM LI LIKENG née MENDOMO Minette*
	Opening Speech of the Secretary General of ITU *Mr Houlin Zhao*
	interlude
	General moderator: *Armand Claude Abanda*
11:30 am ~ 12:00 noon	Opening lesson on the theme *"Digital Economy and Subregional Integration: which leverage for sustainable development in Central Africa?"* By Prof. Jean-*Emmanuel PONDI* Plenary | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
12:00 noon	Inauguration of the exhibition and visit of stands

~ 1:00 pm	By *ITU-MINPOSTEL* Hall of the First floor | Conference Centre.	
1:00 pm ~ 2:00 pm	*Cocktail* Area adjacent to the Tripartite Hall | Conference Centre	*Lunch* Mezzanine | Conference Centre
2:00 pm ~ 3:30 pm	Ministers' closed doors meeting Closed doors meeting | VIP Hall of the Conference Centre	The experience of the subregion countries on issues related to the development of digital economy: achievements, weaknesses and evolutions *(role of the State, legal context, place of stakeholders, level of infrastructure development) (20 minutes per country)* By *Heads of delegation of represented countries* **Moderator** : Prof. Grégoire MEBADA Plenary | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
3:30 pm ~ 4:00 pm	*Coffee break* Area adjacent to the Tripartite Hall | Conference Centre	
4:00 pm ~ 6:00 pm	The experience of the subregion countries on issues related to the development of digital economy: achievements, weaknesses and evolutions *(role of the State, legal context, place of stakeholders, level of infrastructure development) (20 minutes per country)* By Heads of delegation of represented countries **Moderator** : Prof. Grégoire MEBADA Plenary | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre	
6:00 pm	End of day one	
7:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm	*Gala evening organised by the Republic of Cameroon* Mont Fébé	

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Thursday 24 May 2018	
08:30 am ~ 09:45 am	Presentation on the role of international organisations in the development of digital economy and the financing of projects in Central Africa (ITU, ECA, WB, ADB, ICANN) *(15 minutes per organisation)* By : *ITU, ECA, WB, ADB, ICANN* **Moderator** : Parfait SIKI, Journalist and Consultant Plenary | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
09:45 am ~ 10:30 am	First series of presentations by experts: **Theme :** "Digital economy as an important leverage in the establishment of a continental free trade area" Discussions By *Pierre Dandjinou, VP ICANN for Africa* **Moderator** : Thierry NDONG, Publishing Director « Intégration » Plenary | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
10:30 am ~ 11:00 am	*Coffee break* Area adjacent to the Tripartite Hall | Conference Centre

11:00 am ~ 12:30 pm	First series of presentations by experts (continue): **Theme :** "Artificial intelligence, meta-data and development of digital economy: challenges and prospects for the subregion" Discussions By : *Dr. MFUH Winfred FUAYE KENJI (Cameroon MINPOSTEL)* Discussions **Moderator** : Prof. Grégoire MEBADA **Theme :** "Wastes of digital technology, impact of electromagnetic radiation on health and the environment - Which strategy for Central Africa? " By : *Olivier MBERA (Rwanda)* **Moderator** : Prof. Nadine MACHIKOU Discussions Plenary | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
12:30 pm ~ 1:30 pm	*Lunch* Mezzanine | Conference Centre
1:30 pm ~ 3:00 pm	Second series of presentations by experts **Theme :** "Financial inclusion in a digital world" *By Michel ELAME(Cameroon), Associate Partner Execution Consulting Ltd* Discussions **Moderator** : Prof. Nadine MACHIKOU **Theme :** "Blockchain and transformation of the digital economy: Stakes and Challenges for Central Africa" *By : Dr NII QUAYNOR (Ghana)* Discussions **Moderator** : Parfait SIKI, Journalist-Consultant **Theme :** Experience of Cameroonian Startups Discussions

	Moderator : Prof. Nadine MACHIKOU Plenary | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
3:00 am ~ 3:30 am	*Coffee break* Area adjacent to the Tripartite Hall | Conference Centre
3:30 am ~ 4:45 am	Round Table 1: *"Stakes and challenges of Internet international exchanges"* - Internet Global Flow and tariff aspects; - Impact of clusters and place of Central Africa in digital international exchanges - Security challenges of the Central Africa cyberspace. **Moderator :** *Dr. MFUH Winfred FUAYE KENJI* **Panelists** *: Pierre Dandjinou, VP ICANN for Africa, M. DU YIN, General Manager of Huawei Cameroon ; Luc MISSIDIMBAZI, (Adviser to the Prime Minister, Congo), Dr NII QUAYNOR (Ghana)* Round Table | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
4:45 pm ~ 6:00 pm	Round Table 2: *"Harmonisation of the ICT regulatory framework in ECCAS"* - Interconnection of countries of the subregion and roaming; - Subregional initiatives for the harmonisation of regulatory frameworks; - Harmonisation Strategy for regulatory frameworks in the Central African subregion ;, **Moderator** : *Mr Simon LACEY, Vice-President of Global Government Affairs, Huawei Technologies ;* **Panelists** : *Dr. NDUKUMA ADJAYI KODJO Dr. In Digital Economy (DRC), Jean-Jacques MASSIMA (ITU), Laurent Giuseppe D'Aronco (CEA- BSR-AC), Pauline Tsafak (MINPOSTEL, Cameroon)* Round Table | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
6:00 pm	End of day two
7:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm	*Free dinner*

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Friday 25 May 2018	
08:30 am ~ 09:00 am	Meeting of Central African Regulators under the theme: *"Harmonisation of electronic communication regulation: frequency management, roaming and pricing, quality of service and Specifications of Operators holders of a concession"* Introductory session: Sharing of experiences or food for thought on the major issues of the day that have to do with the electronic communication regulation in their respective countries. By *the General Managers/Managers of Regulation Bodies* **Moderator** : *Philemon ZO'O ZAME, General Manager of the Telecommunication Regulatory Board of Cameroon* Plenary | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
09:00 am ~ 09:45 am	Panel under the theme "Frequencies coordination at the borders and harmonisation of positions on key issues of the WRC-19" **Moderator** : *Aboubakar ZOURMBA, Deputy General Manager of the Telecommunication Regulatory Board of Cameroon* **Panelists :** *Cameroon TRB and interested Regulation Boards* Plenary | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
09:45 am - 10 :30 am	Panel under the theme "cross-boarder roaming and communications price fixing" **Moderator** : *Aboubakar ZOURMBA, Deputy General Manager of the Telecommunication Regulatory Board of Cameroon* Panelists : *Cameroon TRB and interested Regulation Boards* Plenary | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
10:30 am ~ 11:00 am	*Coffee break* Area adjacent to the Tripartite Hall | Conference Centre
11:00 am ~ 12:00 noon	Panel under the theme "Quality of service and Specifications of operators" **Moderator** : *Aboubakar ZOURMBA, Deputy General Manager of the Telecommunication Regulatory Board of Cameroon*

	Panelists : *Cameroon TRB and interested Regulation Boards* Plenary | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
12:00 noon ~ 1:00 pm	*Lunch* Mezzanine | Conference Centre
1:00 pm ~ 3:00 pm	***General moderator:*** *Armand Claude Abanda* ***General rapporteur:*** *PENDA EKOKA* Closing ceremony of the Conference Plenary | Tripartite Hall at the Conference Centre
	- Reading of the general report of the conference works
	- Reading of recommendations
	- Reading of the "Yaounde Commitment"
	- Motion of acknowledgement per participating country
	- Closing Address of Her Excellency the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of Cameroon
3:00 pm	End of day three and End of the conference