

# ITU Regional Development Forum for Africa

9-10 September 2015

Hotel Radisson Blu, Dakar, Senegal



## DRAFT AGENDA

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*The ITU Regional Development Forum “Delivering on Africa Regional Initiatives” aims to share and discuss the achievements, experiences, work programmes and partnerships amongst ITU members and interested partners for effective implementation of World Telecommunication Development Conference Recommendations. In particular, the Forum seeks to:*

- *Share best practices and past experiences in implementing the ITU Africa Regional Initiatives 2011-2014, associated ITU programmes, partnerships and projects;*
  - *Human and Institutional capacity building*
  - *Strengthening and harmonizing policy and regulatory frameworks for the integration of African telecommunication/ICT markets*
  - *Development of broadband infrastructure and achievement of regional interconnectivity and universal access*
  - *Introduction of new digital broadcasting technologies*
  - *Implementation of the recommendations of Connect Africa summit.*
- *Discuss the following ITU Africa Regional Initiatives (2015-2018) in relation to the Dubai Action Plan and ITU strategic plan and seek partnership opportunities for their implementation:*
  - *Strengthening human and institutional capacity building*
  - *Strengthening and harmonizing policy and regulatory frameworks for the integration of African telecommunication/ICT markets*
  - *Development of broadband access and adoption of broadband*
  - *Spectrum management and transition to digital broadcasting*
  - *Building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs.*

*The Forum will have detailed working group breakout sessions to focus on each specific regional initiative, look at expected results, identify the partners concerned, and discuss possible projects and their funding.*

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| 09:00-09:30 | Registration of participants and Forum opening                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 09:30-09:45 | <p><b>Welcome remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Director General of the Regulatory Authority of Senegal</li><li>▪ Director, ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)</li></ul> <p><b>Opening remarks:</b> Minister, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Government of Senegal</p> |

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| <b>9:45 – 10:00</b>  | <b>Group photo</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>10:00 – 10:30</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>10:30 – 12:00</b> | <p><b>Session 1: Implementation of WTDC-10 and WTDC-14 regional initiatives</b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> Permanent Secretary/Director General</p> <p><i>The Session will: a) recall main results of the implementation of the programmes, projects under the Africa's regional initiatives approved by WTDC-10 and present Dubai Action Plan; b) report on the progress of the implementation of Africa's five regional initiatives approved by WTDC-14 and initiate the development of the strategic framework (a results-based framework and an action plan) related to these regional initiatives.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recall the main results of the implementation of WTDC-10 regional initiatives;</li> <li>Present the Dubai Action Plan (programmes, regional initiatives, projects and study groups)</li> <li>Report on the implementation, since January 2015, of WTDC-14 regional initiatives</li> <li>ITU member experiences in the implementation of Africa's regional initiatives</li> <li>Establishment of working groups for regional initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AFR 1: Strengthening human and institutional capacity building</li> <li>AFR 2: Strengthening and harmonizing policy and frameworks for the integration of African telecommunication/ICT markets</li> <li>AFR 3: Development of broadband access and adoption of broadband</li> <li>AFR 4: Spectrum management and transition to digital broadcasting</li> <li>AFR 5: Building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Election of the chairman, vice-chairman and rapporteur for each working group</li> </ul> |

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| <b>13:00 - 14:30</b>     | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>14:30–15:30</b>       | <p><b>Session 2: Breakout sessions of the established working groups</b></p> <p><i>Session 2 will present opportunities for each working group to have a close look at their regional initiatives, identify projects, possible partners and potential funding.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>15:30 - 16:00</b>     | <b>Coffee break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>16:00-17:00</b>       | <p><b>Session 3: Breakout sessions</b></p> <p><i>Session 3 will be a continuation of the breakout sessions and each working group will be supported by a rapporteur, who will capture the discussions and provide all required information to the group discussions.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>09:30—10:30</b>       | <p><b>Session 4: Reports from breakout sessions</b><br/> <b>Chairman: Brahim Sanou</b></p> <p><i>Session 4 will present ways of implementing projects/initiatives on all five regional initiatives approved by WTDC-14.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>10:30-11:00</b>       | <b>Coffee break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>11:00–12:00</b>       | <p><b>Session 5: Participation of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), regional economic communities and their support to countries in the implementation of regional initiatives</b></p> <p><b>Chairman: African Union Commission (AUC)</b></p> <p><i>Session 5 will give an opportunity to ATU and the regional economic communities to dialogue.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>African Telecommunications Union</i></li> <li>○ <i>Economic Community for West African States (ECOWAS)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Southern African Development Community (SADC)</i></li> <li>○ <i>East African Community (EAC)</i></li> </ul> |
| <b>12:00–13:30</b>       | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <b>13:30–14:30</b> | <p><b>Session 6: Multistakeholder round table on innovation and partnerships in delivering regional initiatives</b></p> <p><b>Chairman: Andrew Rugege</b></p> <p><i>Session 6 will facilitate innovation dialogue with ITU’s international partners to discuss ways of future collaboration in the implementation of projects/initiatives.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Innovation dialogue process</i></li> <li>○ <i>Partnerships</i></li> </ul> |
| <b>14:30-15:00</b> | <p><b>Session 7: Private-sector specific actions</b></p> <p><b>Chairman – ATU</b></p> <p>Session 7 will allow more of ITU’s partners in the private sector to make presentations on specific areas that also have an impact on regional initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Satellite</i></li> <li>○ <i>Optical fibre</i></li> <li>○ <i>One area network</i></li> <li>○ <i>Wireless broadband (4G)</i></li> </ul>                               |
| <b>15:00–15:30</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>15:30-16:15</b> | <b>Report on RDF conclusions and recommendation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>16:15-16:30</b> | <b>Wrap up and closing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |