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- Administrations of ITU Member States from Africa region
- National Statistical Offices,
- Regulators, Sector Members, Associates,
- Regional Organizations,
- Academia from Africa

Subject: **ITU Regional Workshop on ICT Statistics for Africa, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 6-8 May, 2019.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to the Regional Workshop on ICT Statistics for Africa, which is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau of the ITU in collaboration with the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, with the support of the Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications/TIC de Côte d'Ivoire (ARTCI), to be held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 6-8 May 2019.

The workshop aims to strengthen the capacity of countries to produce national statistics and indicators on telecommunications and ICTs. It is intended for experts who are responsible for collecting or producing such statistics in ministries, regulatory agencies and national statistical offices.

The workshop will discuss the main groups of telecommunication/ICT indicators, their definitions and methodological issues, existing mechanisms of national coordination of ICT statistics, the dissemination and harmonization of ICT data at the international level, with a focus on the ICT Development Index (IDI) indicators. Also, the participants will have the opportunity to share the experience of their countries in the collection and harmonization of telecommunication/ICT indicators.

The draft agenda is attached hereto (Annex 1).

The Workshop will be conducted in English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

The Workshop will be paperless. All materials of the Workshop will be available on the ITU website: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa/Pages/default.aspx>

There is no participation fee for this event. However, all expenses related to the travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by your Administration/Organization.

Participants are invited to complete the registration form via the link:

https://www.itu.int/online/edrs/REGISTRATION/edrs.registration.form?_eventId=4000450

no later than **the 26th of April 2019.**

To encourage the participation of low-income developing countries and subject to the availability of funds, the ITU will grant one partial fellowships (DSA: Daily Subsistence Allowance) per eligible country of the Africa Region. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration. Those intending to apply for a fellowship are required to complete the Fellowship Form (Annex 4) and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by email: fellowships@itu.int or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 **no later than 18th April, 2019**.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the workshop venue, accommodation etc., please do not hesitate to contact : **Mrs. Régina Fleur A. Bessou**, Directrice de la Coopération Internationale, Email: bessou.regina@artci.ci; Tel : +225 20 34 42 65; Fax : +225 20 34 43 75. For any other questions concerning this Workshop please contact **Mrs. Anne Rita Ssemboga**, Programme Officer, ITU Area Office for Africa (email: anne.rita.ssemboga@itu.int; Phone: +263 4775939/40/41).

I look forward to active participation from your Administration/Organization.

Yours faithfully,

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Annexe 1: Draft Agenda

ANNEX 2