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PRIDA ITU national Focal Points  
PRIDA ITU TechComm members

**Subject: Second ITU PRIDA national Focal Points meeting and TechComm meeting. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> December 2019.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is pleased to invite you to the second ITU PRIDA national Focal Points meeting and TechComm meeting, to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The PRIDA national Focal Points meeting is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019, while the TechComm meeting is scheduled for the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> December. The venue is still to be confirmed.

PRIDA is a 3.5 year (2018-2021), six million USD, 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 achieve efficient and harmonized spectrum utilization across Africa (harmonize wireless broadband internet spectrum), including financing experts, 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 our national Focal Points for ascertaining country needs and suggestions for the PRIDA work programme. Hence, in the Focal Points meeting will first focus in gathering each country's situation and needs concerning PRIDA, for then later have a joint discussion on the proposed Work Plan for 2020. ITU will offer one full fellowship per each African country.

All information on the venue, registration, draft agenda and other documents related to the workshop will be found and updated on the ITU website: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa/Pages/default.aspx> For any additional information, you may contact Oscar Rodriguez, PRIDA Project Manager, ITU Regional Office for Africa. Email: [oscar.rodriguez@itu.int](mailto:oscar.rodriguez@itu.int), Tel: +251 115 514977/4855.

We look forward to your respective participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

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