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To Administrations of ITU Member States  
- Regulators  
- ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and Academia  
- Regional organizations in Africa  
- Industry, private sector, organizations dealing with telecommunications/ICTs

**Subject: Kick off of PRIDA (Initiative launched in collaboration with EU and AUC) and first meeting of the Technical Committee followed by a Regional Workshop on Cross Border spectrum coordination in Gaborone, Botswana ( 28 to 31 May 2019)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The PRIDA (Policy and Regulation Initiative for Digital Africa) aims to foster universally accessible, affordable and effective wireless broadband across the continent to unlock future benefits for the cross-cutting use of ICTs.

In accordance with article 5.7 of the Action Document for the Policy and Regulation Initiative for Digital Africa (PRIDA, Decision ref. DCI/PANAF/038-223 ), the implementation of all project outputs will be in close coordination with the European Union (EU) and African Union Commission (AUC) and the governance and management of PRIDA is structured as following:

- (i) Global Steering Committee (SteerCom),
- (ii) Project Teams and
- (iii) Technical committees (TechCom)

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), as per the agreement signed with the European Union, is responsible for Result 1 (on radio spectrum management) and is setting up the related Management Team and Technical Committee.

The primary role of the TechCom is to act as a source of technical expertise to assist and advise ITU on technical matters pertaining to the implementation of the project's activities addressing Spectrum issues.

AUC designated focal points in your administrations and ITU selected experts as well as resource persons will therefore be contacted in a timely manner for the kick-off meeting and the first meeting of the Technical Committee which will be held on 29 and 30 May 2019 in Gaborone, Botswana, followed by the regional seminar on border frequency coordination on 30 and 31 May. (As a reminder, these PRIDA activities will be preceded by the SPECTRUM Management Africa-2019 Conference and jointly organized by Global Forum, ITU and ATU on 27 and 28 May).

Provisional agendas and other relevant information including ToR and practical information for participants of the event could be accessed at:

<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours faithfully,

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ANNEX 1

ANNEX 2