



# ITU Regional Workshop on "Competition in Telecommunications Market"

# Khartoum-Sudan, 24-26 May 2016

# Information for participants

## • VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

The Workshop will be held from 24 to 26 May 2016 in Khartoum at the following address:

### Alsalam Rotana Hotel

Africa Road PO Box 12290, Khartoum, Sudan Tel : + 249 187 007777 - Fax : + 249 187 007788 URL: www.rotana.com - E-mail: *alsalam.hotel@rotana.com* 

## • COORDINATORS

### ITU Coordinator

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### Workshop Coordinator

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## REGISTRATION AND WORKING HOURS

The on-site registration of participants and distribution of documents will take place in the Workshop's venue on 24 May 2016, at 08:00 hrs. The opening session will start at 09:00 am. Working hours are from 09:00 to 17:00.

## HOTEL RESERVATION

Kindly be advised that it is recommended for participants to reserve their hotel accommodations via telephone, fax or E-mail, directly with the hotels of preference, indicating their arrival schedules before **<u>15 May 2016</u>**, with a copy to Workshop Coordinator, Mrs. Enaam Ibrahim (E-mail: <u>Enaam.Ibrahim@sd.zain.com</u>; Mobile: +249 912 398341), to ensure the reception at the airport of Khartoum. Please be aware of the fact that the transportation between the hotels and the airport will be provided only for delegates who are staying in the official recommended hotels.

## List of Recommended Hotels

Hote I	St ar Rating	Facilities Included	Daily Rate (USD)	Contact
Alsalam Rotana Hotel Africa Road (venue)	5	Wifi/breakfast	Single Room: 165 USD	Tel: 249 187 007777 Fax: 249 187 007788 E-mail: <u>res1.alsalam@rotana.com</u>
<b>Paradise</b> Hotel Khartoum 2	4	Wifi/break fast	Single room: 130 USD Double room: 160 USD	Tel : + 249 183 46 46 11 Mob: +249 922142500 Fax: +249 183 498112 E-mail: <u>info@ paradisehotels-</u> <u>sd.com</u> URL: <u>www.paradisehotels-</u> <u>sd.com</u>
Kanon Hotel 15 <sup>th</sup> Street Al Amarat Khartoum	4	Wifi/break fast	Single room: 110 USD	Tel : + 249 183 595959 Fax : + 249 183 595555 E-mail: <u>fomsuites@kanonhotel.com</u> URL: <u>www.kanonhotel.com</u>
Assaha village Hotel	4	Wifi/break fast	Single room: \$70 (with breakfast) Double room: \$80 (with breakfast)	Tel : + 249 183 481919 +249 923 000410 E-mail: <u>assaha.sud@assahavillage.com</u> <u>www.assahavillage.com</u>

## • VISA PROCEDURE

A valid passport is required to enter Sudan. In this case, participants are strongly advised to seek information on requirements applicable in their case from the Sudanese Embassy / Consulate in their home countries **at least 15 days prior to the trip.** 

In case there is no Embassy or Consulate of Sudan in your country, it is recommended to send, **at least two weeks before the workshop**, a clear scanned copy of your passport to the Workshop Coordinator in order to assist in issuing your visa.

The following documents are required:

- Valid passport.
- A round-trip airline.
- Hotel booking in your name or in the name of the person with whom you will be staying, including the address/phone number of your place of stay.
- Confirmation of registration for the event.
- If applicable, invitation letter received from country of the venue.

### • TRANSPORTATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Khartoum International Airport is the main point of entry into to Sudan. Airport taxis and shuttles are available from the airport to hotels. Hotels can arrange to pick up for the participants.

### • CURRENCY

- The official currency is the **Sudanese Pound (SDG).**
- Visa, American Express, Access/MasterCard, and Diners Club cards can also be used.
- American dollars are **NOT ACCEPTED** for payment. Foreign currencies may be changed into Sudanese Pounds at banks or private exchange offices. Most banks are open from Sunday until Thursday, from 8.30 to 14.00.
- The exchange current rates in Sudan as of April 2016 are as follows:

🕮 Dollar	6.20 SDG
📧 Euro	7.17 SDG

## • CLIMATE

The weather is beautiful to moderate, dry. Approximate temperatures in May will vary between 35-25 degrees Celsius.

#### • SECURITY

Khartoum is a venue for major conferences and presents a low risk to business travelers. However, as when travelling to any major city, it is important to take responsibility for your personal safety and exercise common sense security precautions at all times.

Delegates should observe common sense security precautions and not venture outside the main business and tourist areas unless accompanied by a trusted local guide. For any security incident, visitors should contact the police on 999.

### • ELECTRICITY

AC power voltage in Sudan is 220 V, frequency 50Hz. Most electrical outlets are British standard both 2 and 3 outlets.



### • SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPANTS DURING THE TRAINING

#### Information display:

It will be located outside the main workshop room and will provide information on many issues of interest of the participants and will forward to other services, such as city tours and transfers, mail, medical care, communications, etc. It will also be the place where you should deliver or collect lost items.

#### **Communication Center:**

Internet Access free of charge will be available at the event workshop room. Hotels normally offer free WiFi connectivity.

#### Security:

For security reasons, all participants should always wear their badges during the workshop and in all social activities.

#### **Medical Assistance:**

Emergency and urgency medical assistance will be provided free of charge within the premises where the workshop will take place. Nevertheless, it is advised to take out international travel insurance to cover any medical expenses in case of medical treatment.

Healthy and safe drinking water will be available at workshop venue, and it is easy to get additional amounts from any shopping point.

## • GENERAL INFORMATION

## General Information about the Sudan:

Government	Federal dominant party Presidential/Republic
President	H.E. Mr. Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir
Prime Minister	H.E. Mr. Bakri Hassan Salih
Area	1,886,068 km2
Population	39,105,664
Capital	Khartoum
Official Language	Arabic
Country Code	+249 / .sd
Time Zone	GMT+3