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To Administration of ITU Member States
ITU-D Sector Members
National Regulatory Authorities in Africa

Subject: **ITU Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications/ICTs for Africa, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 30-31 January 2017**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your Organisation to participate in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications/ICTs for Africa, organized by the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) in collaboration with the Post and Telecommunications Authority of Zimbabwe (POTRAZ), at the Elephant Hills Hotel in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, from 30 to 31 January, 2017.

This year the Forum will focus, among other interesting subjects, on enhancing collaborative regulation in a digital converged world, the economic and financial issues in a converged broadband environment and the new challenges in the digital ecosystem.

Prior to the event, participants are requested to submit an update of information on the telecommunication sector market environment, by updating the ITU Tariff Policy Survey at www.itu.int/ITU-D/icteye/. For login information (password and username), please contact BDT at: tariffs@itu.int.

A meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR) organized by the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) will follow the Forum from 31 (afternoon) to 3 February 2017. The invitation for this meeting has been sent separately.

In order to build on work in progress and optimize transfer of knowledge, Organizations are urged to designate, where possible, an official with expertise in and responsibility for matters of costs and tariffs. Both meetings will be conducted in English and French and interpretation will be provided.

Information concerning these events is available online at www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regulatory-Market/Pages/Events2017/Zimbabwe/home.aspx

Participants are invited to pre-register online at <http://www.itu.int/go/regitud>, for both events by **25 January 2017**. Please follow the visa instructions available in the information note to avoid delays.

In Harare Zimbabwe, **Ms Norah Zaranyika** (Public Affairs Officer), Telephone +263 4 333032, E-mail: norah.zaranyika@potraz.gov.zw and **Ms Patience Makaha** (Executive Assistant – Director Economics, Tariffs and Competition) Telephone +263 4 333032 Fax: +263 4 333041 Email: patience.makaha@potraz.gov.zw, are at your disposal for any logistic and related query you may have.

The provisional agenda is annexed for your information.

We look forward to your participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

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Annex: provisional agenda