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Wendkèta Adolphe KABORE est Chef de la Division des Infrastructures et Usages numériques à la Commission de l'UEMOA (Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine). A ce titre, il met en œuvre le schéma d'amélioration des infrastructures de l'économie numérique et il évalue l'état et l'exploitation des services numériques dans les Etats membres de l'Union.

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Carmen Prado works on regulatory, economic and financial issues of telecommunication/ICT including cost and tariff. She previously worked for the Financing Strategies Unit, at the BDT, and was responsible for the programme on Tariff regulation.

She has worked on several ITU publications, technical papers and discussions at national, regional and international levels in areas, such as telecommunication/ICT policy and regulatory issues, cost and tariff modelling in the ICT sector, market analysis and significant market power (SMP), broadband infrastructure development and sharing, international Internet connectivity (IIC), International Mobile Roaming. She has organized global and regional fora for telecommunication/ICT policy-makers, regulators, academia, private sector, regional and international associations, and consumer associations. She is the ITU focal point for the ITU-D Study Group 1 Question 4/1 on Economic policies and methods of determining the costs of services related to national telecommunication/ICT networks. She is also in charge of the ITU Tariff Policies Survey and database at the ITU ICT-Eye platform. This database is intended to track and show trends in the application of national tariff policies and regulations worldwide.

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As an international telecom industry consulting executive, Dr. Raul Katz has provided direction to CEOs and other top management of major telecommunications, software and information services companies in the areas of business strategy, consumer/industrial marketing and general management approaches. He managed projects in the areas of demand forecasting, scenario planning, competitive analysis, market entry strategy, churn management and new product development. Dr. Katz conducted assignments in the United States, Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. In addition, Dr. Katz has worked extensively in the design of organizations, management processes and best practices of telecommunications enterprises.

In addition, Dr. Katz has worked with governments and international organizations in the development of regulatory frameworks and policies, National Broadband Plans and National Technology Strategies. In particular, he has supported the governments of Colombia, Costa Rica, and Brazil.

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His telecommunications regulation consulting activities, in recent years, specialized in bringing leading-edge regulatory expertise to developing economies in Africa, Asia, South America and the Middle East and have also covered a wide range of other specific issues associated with regulation such as convergence, sharing of infrastructure, ex-post regulation, competition, broadband and more recent issues arising from the emergence of new players in the industry such as application service providers (initially called over-the-top) and Net Neutrality discussions.. Several projects included the NRAs staff training on the use of cost models and ex-ante and ex-post regulatory case studies.

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Anne has worked in the ICT sector for more than 15 years focusing on market analysis, policy and economic regulation. She began her career in the industry at the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC), the regulatory agency in Uganda and was the Head of the Competition and Economic Regulation before joining the ITU in 2013.

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