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To: ITU Administrations, Regulators, Sector Members, Associates and Academia Members, Telecom Operators and Service providers, Manufacturers and Academic Institutions of the Africa region

Subject:

Conformity and Interoperability Training for English-speaking Countries of the Africa

Region, Accra, Ghana, 2nd - 6th September 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

I have the pleasure to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing a Training Course on Conformity and Interoperability for the Africa Region entitled Conformance and Interoperability (C&I): regulatory framework, requirements to set up basic C&I Lab and testing domains of type Approval laboratories in Specific Absorption Rate (SAR), Radio Frequency and Signaling (RF), Digital Terrestrial Television Receivers (DTT) and Electromagnetic Field Strength (EMF)

The Training course is open to experts from Ministries in charge of ICTs and the Regulatory Bodies, conducting activities on conformity and Interoperability including practical testing in SAR, RF, DTT and EMF.

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with NCA – Ghana (National Communication Authority of Ghana) is offering training in both English and French languages. Participants are welcome from both English-speaking and French-Speaking countries. Training in English will take place in Accra (Ghana) from 2nd to 6th September 2019 (Training in French will take place from 4th to 8th November 2019).

ITU will pay for your representative's participation fees. However, travel arrangements and accommodation should be made and borne by the participating entity. All participants should first register with ITU as no registration with ITU first will be denied access to the training.

I invite you to visit our website http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa for additional/detailed information on logistics (hotels, visa, etc.) including country information and other relevant material such as the Training Programme, Registration and Fellowship Forms. Please note that this training is also advertised on the ITU Academy portal so that participants can register directly online for the trainings at https://academy.itu.int/

In order to benefit from this training programme, the name of your candidate should be submitted by email using the Registration Form before the deadline, by 9th August 2019 and sent to chalitumelo@itu.int with copy to the registration form should clearly indicate the duties of the candidate and his/her background knowledge on Conformance and Interoperability issues and should be stamped by the authorizing entity. Unstamped registration forms will not be considered. Please kindly ask your representative to ensure that he/she received confirmation of his/her admittance to the course, as his/her presence at the training centre will not be accepted without prior ITU approval.

Due to the limited number of seats available in the class, please be aware that only one candidate per country may be accepted for the Training Course and selection will be done on first come first serve basis. Candidates will be selected based on their duties and background knowledge of Conformance and Interoperability issues. Confirmation of admittance to the training course will be sent directly to the selected candidates. Candidates will be expected to give a brief of C&I status in their countries and also to participate in group projects and presentation of SAR, RF, DTT and EMF.

I am pleased to inform you that partial Fellowships will be awarded within the limits of available funding to facilitate participation from Least Developed Countries (LDC) or Low Income Developing Countries (LIC) from the Africa Region. Application for Fellowship, limited to one person per country, must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State. The Fellowship Request Form should be returned to ITU (fellowships@itu.int) no later than 9th August 2019.

Ms Chali Tumelo, ITU Area Office for Southern Africa in Harare, Zimbabwe (tel: +263 242 77 5939/40/41, fax: +263 4 77 1257, email: chali.tumelo@itu.int) is at the disposal of participants who may require assistance.

I very much hope that you will be able to participate and share your views and valuable experience with other participants including contributions which will enrich the discussions and outputs of the Training Course.

Yours faithfully,

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