**Session 1: SG13 Standardization & Africa-related involvement**

This session will discuss the main standardization issues in African Countries and the participation of these countries in the standardization processes in order to prepare them for new technologies.

***Presentation Abstract - “Zambia’s Strategic Involvement in ICT Standardization”***

**The process of ICT Standardization in Zambia started on ad hock basis from the time Telecommunication technology reached Zambia’s boarder. A structured approach commenced many years later in 2012 after enactment of the ICT Act No. 15 of 2009, which designated ZICTA as the Agency responsible for stipulating standards in the ICT Sector.**

**On one hand, ZICTA is mandated by the ICT Act No. 15 of 2009 to stipulate standards in the ICT Sector recognizing international standards including those from the ITU, while on the other hand, the Zambia Bureau of Standards (ZABS), under the Standards Act Chapter 416 of the Laws of Zambia, is responsible for establishing and publishing of Zambian standards in industry and commerce.**

**The presentation will look at how ZICTA and ZABS have teamed up to develop ICT standards for Zambia, outlining in detail the framework and structure that are in place as well as the vision for the future. Challenges and how they have been overcome has been alluded to.**

Last but not the least, standards under SG13 “hot topics” that are under consideration in Zambia are highlighted and plans on how they are to be applied in Zambia, discussed.

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