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Subject: **12th Forum on Telecommunications/ICT Regulation and Partnership in Africa (FTRA 2011),
Kigali, Rwanda (Republic of), 13 – 15 June 2011**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 12th Forum on Telecommunication/ICT Regulation and Partnership in Africa (FTRA-2011) to be held at the Serena Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda (Republic of), from 13 to 15 June 2011 under the theme : «**Cloud computing, development prospects of ICTs : Challenges and opportunities for the policymakers, regulators and ICT operators**». The forum is organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) at the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Rwanda through the Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Agency (RURA) and in collaboration with the African Telecommunications Regulators' Network and the African Regional Working Party on private sector issues.

Participation in FTRA-2011 is extended to Member States and ITU-D Sector Members, regional and sub-regional organizations, regulatory agencies, telecommunications/ICT operators, and financial and development institutions.

The theme for this year's forum was selected based on proposals from the 11th Forum on the Telecommunication/ICT Regulation and Partnership in Africa, held in Banjul, the Gambia in July 2010.

Understanding of salient issues on cloud computing is one of the key challenges for policymakers and regulators worldwide. Cloud computing technologies offer several benefits to governments, industry, service providers and researchers by lowering the cost of ICT infrastructure through sharing these resources as opposed to individual provision. To enjoy these benefits requires a coherent regulatory framework that ensures transparency, data protection and respect for their integrity. Cloud computing also raises new legal issues very specific in terms of sovereignty, privacy, and enforcement of such issues.

The 12th Forum will therefore provide an opportunity to discuss in depth the policy, regulatory and technical issues that could help the Africa region to acquire an understanding of this technology and use it in the roll-out of networks and access to affordable services.

The forum will be held in English and French with simultaneous interpretation. Documents relating to the event and their regular updates will be available on the ITU website at: www.itu.int/ITU-D/afr/events/FTRA/2011. Participants are invited to download and print the documents needed for the event. During the meeting there will be a limited distribution of hard copies.

A draft agenda for the forum is provided in Annex 1.

Practical information about the venue can also be found at the above mentioned address. I particularly draw your attention to information concerning visa requirements in Rwanda which can be found in the practical information document mentioned above.

In addition to the above, both the hotel reservation and transfer form are available at the forum website.

In order to benefit from the preferential hotel rates negotiated for this forum, participants are requested to complete the form and return it directly to the selected hotel indicating the preferred type of room.

The host country will provide transportation to and from the airport to the hotels as well from the hotels to the forum venue for all delegates. In order to facilitate the planning and coordination of the transfer of delegates from the airport, delegates are requested to send the hotel reservation and transfer form by fax or e-mail together with their flight details showing flight numbers as well as arrival and departure times to Mr Abraham Makuza, Senior Expert in Charge of Infrastructure and Regulations, Republic of Rwanda, Telephone: +250 788 835 152; Email: amakuza@presidency.gov.rw , with copy to Mrs Brigitte Kaptue, e-mail: brigitte.kaptue@itu.int, Tel: +237 22 22 9292, Fax: +237 22 22 9297.

I will be grateful if you would respond and return the registration form in Annex 2 (one form per participant) duly completed by e-mail to: ftra2011@itu.int or by fax: +237 22 22 9297 not later than 22 April 2011.

For any further information or clarification, please contact the following persons:

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I look forward to seeing you in Kigali.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annexes: 2

ANNEX 1



12th Forum on Telecommunications/ICT Regulation and Partnership in Africa (FTRA 2011)

«Cloud computing, development prospects of ICTs: Challenges and opportunities for the policymakers, regulators and ICT operators».



Kigali, Rwanda (Republic of) 13 – 15 June 2011

DRAFT AGENDA FTRA 2011

12 June 2011	
16h00 – 18h00	REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES
DAY 1: 13 June	
08H00 – 09H00	REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES
09h00 – 09h45	OPENING CEREMONY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Francois Régis Gatarayiha, Director General, Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Agency (RURA) – Dr. Jones Killimbe, CEO RASCOM, Chairman, African Regional Working Party on Private Sector Issues – Representative of the Director General, PURA, The Gambia – Representative of Secretary General, African Telecommunications Union (ATU) – Mr Brahim Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), ITU – H.E. Ignace Gatere, Minister at the Office of the President in charge of Information and Communication Technologies, Rwanda (Republic of)
09h45 – 10h00	Coffee/Tea Break
10h00 – 10h15	Appointment of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda
10h15 – 11h30	SESSION–1: Cloud Computing ecosystem, principles, applications, services, technologies General discussions
11h30 – 12h30	SESSION-2: Benefits and advantages of cloud computing General discussions
12h30 – 14h00	LUNCH BREAK
14H00 – 15H30	SESSION 3: Transition from traditional infrastructures to cloud infrastructures General discussions
15h30 – 16h00	Coffee/Tea Break
16h00 – 17h30	SESSION- 4: Standards, sustainability, security, interoperability of different clouds General discussions

DAY 2: 14 June	
09h00 – 10h30	SESSION-5: Legal framework for cloud computing services (data protection, liabilities of cloud host and responsibilities of actors, etc.) General discussions
10h30 – 11h00	<i>Coffee /Tea Break</i>
11h00 – 12h30	SESSION-6: International cooperation, regulation of trans-borders market General discussions
12h30 – 14h00	LUNCH BREAK
14h00 – 15h30	SESSION- 7: Role of the regulators, best practices, guidelines General discussions
15h30 – 16h00	<i>Coffee/ Tea Break</i>
16h00 – 16h45	SESSION-8: Users protection / Quality of Service General discussions
16h45 – 17h30	SESSION-9: Information on World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT12) General discussions
DAY 3: 15 June	
09h00 – 10h30	SESSION-10: Information on the African Telecommunications and ICT Regulators Assembly <i>(Closed session for African regulators and regulatory associations)</i> Presentation: Report of the Chairperson of the Coordination Committee of the Forum on the Regulation and Partnership of Telecoms/ICT in Africa (PURA, the Gambia) General discussions
10h30 – 11h00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
11h00 – 12h30	SESSION-11: Wrap up and way forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the forum recommendations • Possible themes of FTRA 2012 • Date and venue of FTRA 2012 • Any other business
12h30 – 13h00	CLOSING CEREMONY

ANNEX 2



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REGISTRATION FORM

To be returned to the ITU Dakar Area Office (Fax: +221 33 822 80 11 or e-mail: ftra2011@itu.int)

Before 22 April 2011

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Miss	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration of ITU Member State
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> ITU Sector Member
Family name	<input type="checkbox"/> ITU Associate
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member
First name	

Name and full address of administration or organization:

_____	Tel.: _____

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	E-mail: _____

Date:

Signature:
