ITU Regional Development Forum

18-20 July 2018
At the Accra International Conference Centre, Accra, Ghana

FINAL AGENDA

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*The ITU Regional Development Forum on the theme "***ICT④SDGs: Towards the implementation of WTDC17 outcomes***" aims at sharing and discussing the achievements, experiences, work programs and partnerships amongst ITU Members and interested partners for effective implementation of World Telecommunication Development Conference. In particular, the Forum seeks to:*

- *Share best practices and past experiences in implementation of the ITU Africa Regional Initiatives 2014-2018, associated ITU programs, initiatives, partnerships and projects:*
    - *Strengthening human and Institutional capacity building*
    - *Strengthening and harmonizing policy and regulatory frameworks for the integration of African telecommunication/ICT markets*
    - *Development of Broadband access and adoption of broadband*
    - *Spectrum management and transition to digital broadcasting*
    - *Building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs*

- *Discuss the following ITU Africa Regional Initiatives (2018-2022) in relation to the Buenos Aires Action Plan (BaAP) and ITU strategic Plan and seek partnership opportunities for their implementation:*
    - *Building digital economies and fostering innovation in Africa(RI 1)*
    - *Promotion of emerging broadband technologies(RI2)*
    - *Building trust and security in the use of telecommunications/information and communication technology(RI3)*
    - *Strengthening human and institutional capacity building(RI4)*
    - *Management and monitoring of the radio-frequency spectrum and transition to digital broadcasting(RI5)*

The Forum will have detailed Working group breakout sessions to focus on each particular regional initiative to look at Expected results and outline the partners concerned, and discuss possible projects and their funding.

09:00-09:30	**Registration of participants and provision of forum and information materials**

09:30-10:00	**Opening Ceremony:**
	MC of the opening Ceremony: Ms Nana Defie Badu
	   ▪ Mr **Joe Anokye**, Director General, NCA: Welcoming Remarks
	   ▪ Mr. **Brahima Sanou**, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), ITU: Message

	• Hon. **Ursula Owusu-Ekuful**, Minister of Communication, Ghana: Keynote Address
10:00 – 10:30	**Group Picture and Coffee Break** **Designation of Chair and Rapporteurs of the RDF**
10:30-12:00	**Session 1: High level roundtable on boosting Digital Economy development in Africa** *This Session will allow the African Ministers and high-level officials present at RDF-18 to share experience from their respective countries and expose their vision for a real digital economy development and uptake for African countries.* Moderator: **Mr. Brahima SANOU,BDT Director, ITU** • Hon. Minister of Communication Ghana • Hon. Minister of Mali • Hon. Minister of Sierra Leone • Hon. Minister of Information Ghana **Q&A**
12:00 - 13:00	**Session 2: Setting the tone and lessons learned.** *The Session will present results of the implementation of the programs, projects under the ITU Action Plan related to Africa and Regional Initiatives approved by WTDC-14* **Moderator: Deputy-Minister** ▪ ***Setting the Regional Context, challenges and lesson learned from the implementation of 2014-2018 Regional Initiatives :* Mr. Andrew Rugege,** Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Africa **Q&A**
13:00 - 14:30	**Lunch**
14:30–15:30	**Session 3: Delivering on Africa regional initiatives of WTDC-17**

	This Session will put into perspective the outcomes of WTDC-17, the Buenos Aires Action Plan and the implementation of Regional Initiatives. . Chair: **Mr. Andrew Rugege** , Regional Director for Africa**, ITU** • Buenos Aires Action Plan (Programs, Regional Initiatives, Projects and Study Groups) – **Mr. Jean-Jacques Massima-Landji**, ITU Area Representative Central Africa • Presentation of ITU Study Groups and the relationship of Study Groups questions and RIs implementation– **Ms. Régina Fleur Bessou/Assoumou,** Chair, BDT Study Group 1 • Guidelines and frameworks on RI Projects for the WG – **Mr. Marcelino Tayob,** ITU Senior Advisor, ROA • Establishment of Working Groups on Regional Initiatives: 　▪RI1: Building digital economies and fostering innovation in Africa (Senegal) 　▪RI2: Promotion of emerging broadband technologies (Burkina) 　▪RI3: Building trust and security in the use of telecommunications/information and communication technology (Ghana) 　▪RI4: Strengthening human and institutional capacity building (RDC) 　▪RI5: Management and monitoring of the radio-frequency spectrum and transition to digital broadcasting (Angola) **Election of the Chair, Vice Chair and Rapporteurs for each working group**
15:30 - 16:00	**Coffee break**
16:00-17:00	## Session 4: Regional Organizations perspective *This session will give opportunity to AUC, ATU and RECS to present their vision on ICT and innovation, and how to foster digital economy development in Africa.* **Moderator: Ali Drissa BADIEL, UIT** 　▪*Presentation from ATU- Mrs. Meriem SLIMANI* 　▪*Presentation from WAEMU- Mr. Abosse AKUE-KPAKPO* 　▪ *Presentation from EMST- Dr. Mohamadou SAIBOU* **Q&A**
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09:00—10:30	## Session 5: Breakout sessions *Session 5 will present opportunities for each working group to have a close look at their respective regional initiatives and brainstorm on them according to the following canvas:* - *Projects identification* - *Potential stakeholders identification* - *Potential funding partners and opportunities identification.*
10:30-11:00	**Coffee break**
11:00–12:30	## Session 6: Breakout Session (Cont.) *Session 6 will be a continuation of the breakout sessions and each working group will be supported by an ITU Staff rapporteur who will capture the discussions and provide all required information to the group discussions.*
12:30–14:00	**Lunch**
14:00–15:30	## Session 7: Breakout Session (Cont.) *Session 7 will be a continuation of the breakout sessions and each working group will be supported by an ITU Staff rapporteur who will capture the discussions and provide all required information to the group discussions.*
15:30-16:0000	**Coffee break**
16:00-17:00	## Session 8: Reports from Breakout sessions - *Session 8 will present ways of implementation of projects/initiatives on all five regional initiatives approved by WTDC-17.* Q&A
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09:00—10:30	## Session 9: Multi Stakeholder Round Table on Innovation and partnerships in delivering Regional Initiatives *Session 9 will allow ITU Partnerships and Innovation Department to set the ball rolling on the process of innovation dialogue with our international partners to present ways of future collaboration in the implementation of the projects/initiatives. Countries will present their innovations frameworks.* **Moderator: Mr. Kwame Baah-Acheamfour, NCA**

	▪ *Innovation Dialogue Process, keynote presentation by Ida JALLOW, ITU* ▪ *Experiences from Countries (Zimbabwe, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Ghana)* **Q&A**
10:30-11:00	**Coffee break**
11:00–12:30	## Session 10 : Private sector perspective **Cutting-edge technologies shaping the innovation ecosystem** *Session 10 will allow presentations and discussions on cutting-edge technologies and concepts (IoT, Big Data, AI, Blockchain, etc…) that are shaping the future of ICT and innovation in general. This session will also allow more of ITU partners in the private sector to make contributions and discuss specific areas that have an impact on the implementation of Regional initiatives.* Moderator: **Deputy Minister of Communication, Ghana** ▪ *Key note Presentation on Big Data **Dr Isa Boateng*** ▪ *Key note Presentation on Blockchain- **Dr.Nii Quaynor*** *Contributions from:* ▪ *Ghana Telecom Chamber* ▪ *Ericsson* ▪ *Vocacom* ▪ *Troto tractors* ▪ *Csquared* ▪ *Microsoft* ▪ *Young Innovators* *Q&A*
12:30-13:30	## Session 11: Report on RDF Conclusions and Recommendations (M. Ali Drissa Badiel,** ITU Area representative West Africa) Moderator: Chairman of RDF and Director General, NCA **Closing of RDF-18** Vote of Thanks: Nominated Country

	Concluding Remarks: ■ ITU Regional Director ■ Chairman RDF 2018 ■ Official Closing: Deputy Minister, Communication
13:30–14:30	**Lunch**