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- ITU Member States,
- ITU-D Sector Members,
- Regulators,
- Associates,
- Academia,
- Other stakeholders of the Centres of Excellence network for Africa,
- Regional organizations in Africa

Subject: ITU Regional Development Forum for Africa, 18-20 July 2018, and Regional Spectrum Monitoring Workshop, 23 to 24 July 2018, Accra, Ghana

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Regional Development Forum (RDF) for the Africa region, from 18 to 20 July 2018, which will take place at the “Accra International Conference Centre”, Accra, Ghana. The Forum, focused on the theme “**ICT④SDGs: Towards the implementation of WTDC17 outcomes**”, is organized in partnership with the Ministry for Communications of Ghana. The Forum will be followed by a Regional Workshop on Spectrum Monitoring on 23 and 24 July 2018 at the same venue for radio communications experts who would also be able to attend RDF-AFR 2018.

Regional Development Forums provide an opportunity for high-level dialogue between the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and decision-makers of ITU Member States and Sector Members. They serve as a platform for assessing strategic orientation that may have an impact on BDT’s regional workplan in between World Telecommunication Development Conferences (WTDCs). In this context, these forums report on the activities of WTDCs, notably the Buenos Aires Action Plan (BaAP 2017), with particular emphasis on regional initiatives in order to get feedback from membership to adjust BDT’s work in each region of the world.

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The Regional Development Forum for Africa will discuss in detail the five regional initiatives approved by WTDC-17, providing members with an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices in their implementation of the said regional initiatives within the scope of the ITU rolling Strategic Plan for 2017-2020.

The Forum will be conducted in English and French, with simultaneous interpretation. Please note that all information related to the Forum and the Regional Workshop, including presentations and country information note will be available on the ITU website at: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa/Pages/default.aspx>.

No participation fee is required for this event. You are invited to register online using the following link: <http://www.itu.int/go/regitud> preferably before 3 July 2018 for any of these upcoming two events.

Concerning the Regional Workshop on Spectrum Monitoring, a full fellowship is granted (air ticket and daily subsistence allowance from 23 to 24 July only) for one delegate per eligible country with priority given to the least developed countries (LDCs). Fellowship requests shall be addressed to ITU via the online form to be filled-in, signed and sent by email to: fellowships@itu.int **before 29 June 2018**.

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Yours faithfully,

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