

Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Technology



World Bank Group Nairobi Office

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To: Somalia's ICTs Stakeholders

Subject:

ITU-MPTT- World Bank National Workshop on Numbering Planning and Policies for

Somali's ICT stakeholders

World Bank Country Office, Nairobi,-Kenya, 8-9 November 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Technology (MPTT) and the Nairobi Office of the World Bank Group (WBG) are jointly organizing a national workshop on **Numbering Planning and Policies for Somali ICT stakeholders**. The workshop is supported by the Arab Regional Office of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and it will take place in Nairobi, Kenya on 8 **November 2017**, at the country office of the World Bank, on Menengai Road, Upper Hill, Nairobi, Kenya, in Room 1165, starting at 0930. There will also be smaller meetings, with individual stakeholders, on 9 **November 2017**.

The workshop will provide participants an opportunity to discuss a plan and framework for the planning and management of Somali national telephone numbers. Consultants contracted by ITU and WBG will present a draft numbering plan and a framework for discussion. The consultants, who may have already requested information and comments from you, would welcome the opportunity to discuss your opinions individually, on 9 November. You may contact them directly at (rem@antelope.org.uk) if you would like to arrange a meeting ahead of the main workshop on 8 November.

The workshop is targeted at CTOs of operators and ICT service providers and policy makers. The participants will be able to:

- Consider the contents of the draft numbering plan and framework;
- Contribute to final recommendations on the numbering plan and framework;
- Have opportunity to discuss the plan and framework with other stakeholders; and
- Establish mutually beneficial cooperative and colloborative relationships with other sector stakeholders.

The workshop will be conducted in English. All the information related to the workshop, such as draft Agenda, Information Note, Online Registration link and the Hotel Reservation Form, will be available on the event website at (<u>Click Here</u>).

We encourage you to participate and to register for this event through the link mentioned above. Please note the deadline for registration is **20 October 2017**.

Should you require any further information or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact: Eng. Mustafa Al Mahdi, Programme Administrator, ITU Arab Regional Office, E-mail (mustafa-ahmed.al-mahdi@itu.int) or Dr. Tim Kelly, Lead ICT Policy Specialist (tkelly@worldbank.org) or Abdi Roble, MPTT focal point for ITU (aroble@mptt.gov.so). For practical questions concerning the meeting venue, please contact Ms Janerose Lubisia (jlubisia@worldbank.org). If you would like to be in touch with the consultants directly, please contact Robert Milne and Claire Milne of Antelope Consulting (rem@antelope.org.uk).

Looking forward to your active participation and fruitful contribution in this important event.

Yours sincerely,

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