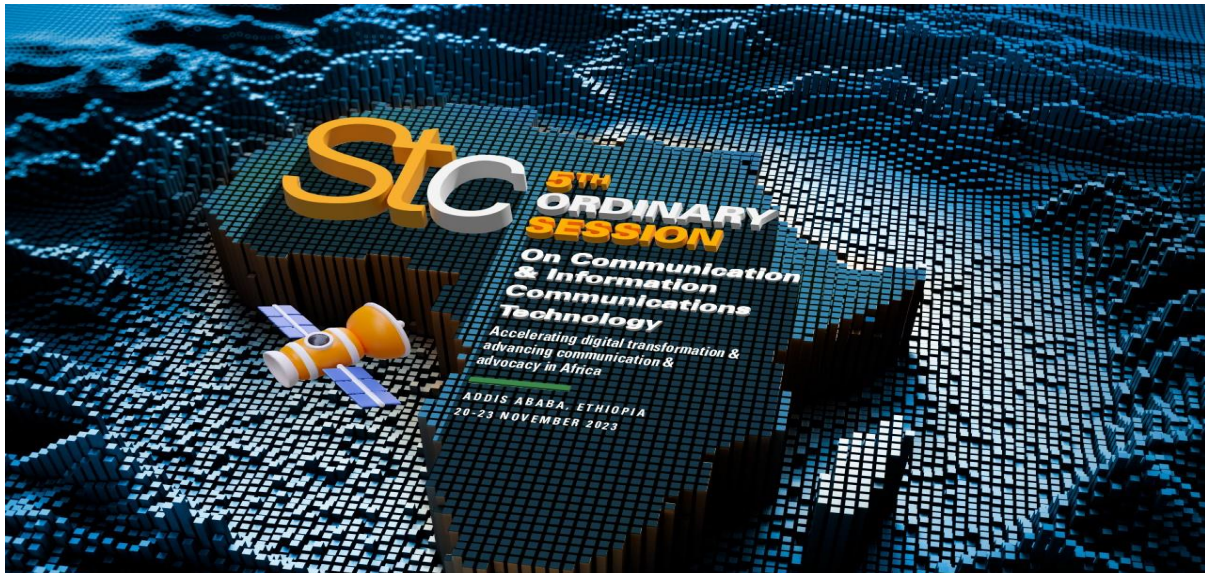


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5th Specialized Technical Committee on Communication and Information Communications Technology

What: Opening of the Ministerial Session of the 5th Specialized Technical Committee on Communication and Information Communications Technology. The opening session will be followed by a press briefing.

When: 23rd November 2023. 9:00am EAT

Where: African Union Headquarters- Medium Conference Hall. You can also follow the opening and media briefing online on:

<https://zoom.us/j/91371689651?pwd=UW5wbzZnWkY3dEFaSUwzM2tYb0lodz09>

Who: The meeting will be addressed by:

- H.E. Dr Amani ABOU-ZEID, AU Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy
- H. E. Léon Juste IBOUMBO Outgoing Chair of the STC-CICT & Minister of Post, Telecommunication and Digital Economy of Rep of Congo
- Mrs. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union

Background information:

The STCs powers and functions include overseeing development and implementation of policies on access to information and freedom of expression; overseeing promotion of the capacity of African media; developing common African e-strategies; discussing resource mobilisation and capacity building for implementation of the African Regional Action Plan on the Knowledge Economy; promoting public investment in ICT

infrastructure; and developing frameworks for ICT policy and regulation harmonisation in Africa.

The 5th STC will among others consider and adopt decisions on:

1. Draft Conceptual Framework of the Continental Strategy on Artificial Intelligence (AI)
2. Implementation Plan of the AU Data Policy Framework and Self-Capacity Assessment Tool
3. Implementation of the AU Interoperability Framework for Digital ID.
4. Cybersecurity Landscape in Africa: Assessment of Gaps and Priorities Report.
5. Digital Transformation Strategy: Sectorial Digital Strategies (Education, Agriculture and Health)
6. Improving the Digitalization of Postal Services in Africa.
7. Draft Continental Strategy on Policy and Regulatory Environment for Africa's Digital Single Market.
8. Acceleration of Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa ICT projects.
9. Enhancing communication, advocacy and understanding of the African Union Agenda.

For more details about the STC, visit [The 5th Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Communication and Information Communications Technology. | African Union \(au.int\)](#)

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