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20-24 NOVEMBER 2017**

**DRAFT AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME OF
THE EXPERTS SESSION**

20-22 NOVEMBER 2017

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Procedural Matters and update on the format of the meeting;
2. Report of the Outgoing Bureau;
3. African Union Commission Report;
4. Status of ICT and Media continental Projects and programs;
5. Adoption of the Declaration on Internet Governance;
6. Specific contributions from Specialized Institutions and RECs
7. Any other business

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

DAY ONE		Monday, 20 November 2017
08:00-09:00	Registration	
SESSION ONE: Plenary 1		
09:00-09:40	Opening Ceremony:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remarks by Director of Information and Communication - Remarks by Mali, Chair of the Bureau 	
09:40-10:00	Procedural Matters:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on the format of the meeting - Adoption of Agenda and Work Programme 	
10:00-10:30	Report of the Outgoing Bureau of the AU STC on Communication and ICT	
10:30-10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Photo • Tea/Coffee Break 	
SESSION TWO: Plenary 2		
10:45-11:00	African Union Commission Report on IED, DIC and NPCA activities – (by ISD + DIC)	
11:00-11:30	Discussions	
SESSION THREE: Plenary 3		
11:30-13:00	Continental and Regional Programmes:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Economic Communities (RECs). - African Telecommunications Union (ATU) - Pan African Postal Union (PAPU). - ICT and Innovation and Block Chain/Crypto currency (UNECA) - Update on RASCOM Program (RASCOM) - Update Afrinic Government Policy (AFRINIC) 	
13:00-13:30	Discussions	
13:00-15:00	Lunch Break	
SESSION FOUR: Plenary 4		
15:00-15:30	AU ongoing programmes and projects	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cybersecurity (AUC+ISOC) 	

- DotAfrica
- Action Plan for sustainable development of the postal sector in Africa.
- Book of African Records (DIC)

15:30-16:00 **Discussions**
16:00-16:15 **Tea/Coffee Break**

SESSION FIVE: Plenary 4-Cont.

16:15-17:00 **AU ongoing projects**

- AU Communication and advocacy Strategy 2014-2017
- AU Branding campaign
- AUC audio visual studios

17:00-18:30 **Discussions**

End of Day One.

DAY TWO**Tuesday, 21 November 2017****SESSION SIX: Parallel sessions**

09:00-10:00	Ongoing projects	
	Session on CIT	Session on Information and Communication
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of implementation of PIDA Priority Action Plan • Unlocking Rural and Remote Areas Access to Basic Infrastructure in Africa; • AXIS; • Strategies on the new orientations for the use of the PAeN hub station handed over to the AU Commission; 	<p>The Media Gender Gap in Africa and Portrayal of Women. Presenter/ moderator: Tarisai Nyamweda; Media Coordinator-GenderLinks</p>
10:00-10:45	Discussions	
10:45-11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	

SESSION SEVEN: Parallel sessions-Cont.

11:00-12:30	Ongoing projects	
	Session on CIT	Session on Information and Communication
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of digital dividend • Electrification and Connectivity of Post offices in Africa. (by PAPU) 	The Media Gender Gap in Africa and Portrayal of Women
	African Internet Governance Forum (AfIGF)	
12:30-13:30	Discussions	
13:30-15:00	Lunch Break	

SESSION EIGHT: Parallel sessions-Cont.**15:00-15:45****Ongoing projects**

Session on CIT	Session on Information and Communication
Specific contributions from MS, SI and international organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internet Governance (Algeria) - Center of Excellence and Experience on postal transformation (Tunisia) 	The Role of Media in Africa's Development, Women's Empowerment and its Support for Agenda 2063 Presenter/ Moderator: Eric Chinje; Chief Executive Officer- African Media Initiative

15:45-16:30**Discussions****16:30-16:45****Tea/Coffee Break****SESSION NINE:****Plenary 5****16:45-18:00****Partnerships**

- International Telecommunications Union (ITU)
- Budapest Convention (Council of Europe);
- Space application (Azerbaijan);
- Cybersecurity Training Program (Ceis)
- Customized infrastructure data collection (Knoema)

End of Day Two

DAY THREE

Wednesday, 22 November 2017

SESSION FIVE:

- 09:00-09:10** **Innovative solutions for Africa Development (VP-Huawei);**
- 09:10-13:00** **Consideration and Adoption of Documents to be submitted to the Ministerial Session.**
- Report of the Experts Session.
 - Draft Ministerial Declaration.
 - Draft Agenda and Work Programme of the Ministerial Session
- 13:00-13:15** **Closing remarks by AUC**
- 13:15-14:30** **Lunch Break**

SESSION SIX: Plenary 5 Capacity building: Cyber Insurance, Cyber Security, Internet Shutdown and Africa Privacy Guidelines, personal data protection (PDP) and The Role of Media in Africa's Development, Women's Empowerment and its Support for Agenda 2063

- 14:30-18:00** **Parallel sessions: Closed session and capacity building¹**
The purpose of the above topics is summarized as follows:
1. The rise of **Internet Shutdowns** and their consequences, - Partial and total Internet Shutdowns have become increasingly common in Africa in the last few years. This presentation by **Constance Bommelaer, Senior Director, Global Internet Policy** will talk about this new phenomenon, the economic and social consequences on the African continent and recommends what African stakeholders need to do in order to insure Internet shutdowns do not slash the promises of Internet for the development of Africa.
 2. **Personal Data Protection best practices - Robin Wilton, Technical Outreach for Identity and Privacy** - The Malabo convention of the African Union was an opportunity for African governments to express their commitment for the promotion of the personal data protection of Africans. This presentation will discuss the best practices with regards to personal data protection from around the world that can support the implementation of the convention.
- Cyber Insurance, Khaled A.T. Fattal, MLI Group Global Summit & Seminar series "GSS" /Verengai Mabika, Senior Policy Advisor – Africa** - - Cyber Insurance has emerged recently as one way to mitigate digital risks. This presentation will present the trends in this new phenomenon,

¹ interpretation required in FR and EN

The Role of Media in Africa's Development, Women's Empowerment and its Support for Agenda 2063. Mr. Eric Chinje, Chief Executive Officer, African Media Initiative will present a paper to the media under the title: "Role of media in Africa's development-Women Empowerment and its support to Agenda 2063". He will also take an active role as a moderator/ resource person in a parallel SESSION EIGHT on The Role of Media in Africa's Development, Women's Empowerment and its Support for Agenda 2063.

The Media Gender Gap in Africa and Portrayal of Women.

Ms. Tarisai Nyamweda, Media Coordinator, Gender Links will present a paper to the media under the title: "The Media Gender Gap in Africa and Portrayal of Women". She will argue that while women represent more than half of the population in many African countries they are underrepresented or misrepresented throughout all existing media whether online or offline, news media or entertainment. Their voices are not heard, they are likely to be portrayed in a stereotypical manner and they are less likely to hold influential positions in the media and ICT. She will then offer some key recommendations on the way forward.

18:00

End of Day Three and End of Expert Session