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General Secretariat /Secrétariat Général

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To:

- Member States

Dear Sir/Madam,

**INFORMATION ON ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES TO VARIOUS ITU ELECTIVE POSITIONS IN ORDER TO FOSTER AWARENESS AND COORDINATION AMONG MEMBER STATES**

The ATU General Secretariat presents its compliments to your administration and has the honour to remind that one of the ATU's statutory objectives is to *"coordinate the strategies and positions of Member States in the preparation for, and at, international meetings."* In respect to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the ATU fulfils this objective by coordinating its Member States to develop African common positions/proposals for global ICT conferences in the Standardization, Development and Radiocommunication Sectors, as well as, the Plenipotentiaries Conference and Council.

The 26<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the ATU Council recognised that elections to ITU elective positions is of key interest and critical to Africa and that our strength lies in our unity. In order to foster awareness and coordination among Member States, the Council supported the initiative of the General Secretariat of periodically collating, circulating and/or publishing announced prospective candidatures.

It is in respect of the foregoing that I present the information of announced candidatures as of 15 July 2025 as given in Annex. They pertain to elections that will be held during the 2025 World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC-25) and the 2026 ITU Plenipotentiaries Conference (PP-26).

Faithfully,

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**ANNEX: ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES (PROSPECTIVE / OFFICIAL) AS AT 15 JULY 2025**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Candidate(s)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1	Director of the Telecommunications Development Bureau (BDT)	Dr. Cosmas Luckyson ZAVAZAVA (Zimbabwe)*	Dr. Zavazava is seeking re-election at PP-26 for the second/final term
2	Member of the Radio Regulations Board (RRB)	1) Eng. Basebi MOSINYI (Botswana)* 2) Eng. Edmund Yirenyi FIANKO (Ghana)*	1) The African region has an allocation of 3 seats in the RRB. 2) Eng. Mosinyi is seeking first term, while Mr. Fianko is seeking second/final term. 3) While fully respecting the right of Member States to nominate candidates, it is desirable to have 3 candidates from our region commensurate to the allocated number of seats.
3	Chair of the Telecommunications Development Advisory Group (TDAG)	Mme. Regina Fleur ASSOUMOU BESSOU (Cote d'Ivoire)	Mme. Bessou is seeking first term.
4	Vice-Chair of the Telecommunications Development Advisory Group (TDAG)	Mrs. Caecilia NYAMUTSWA (Zimbabwe)	Mrs. Nyamutswa is seeking first term
		Eng. Fred ONGARO (Kenya)	Mr. Ongaro is seeking first term
5	Vice-Chair of the ITU-D Study Group 1(SG1)	Ms. Caroline MURIANKI (Kenya)	Seeking 1 <sup>st</sup> Term
		Ms. Hadiza KACHALLAH (Nigeria)	Seeking re-election
		Mr. Malick NDIAYE (Senegal)	Seeking 1 <sup>st</sup> Term
	Vice-Chair of the ITU-D Study Group (SG 2).	Mr. Lamine MINTHE (Guinea)	Mr. Minthe is seeking re-election
		Dr. TOHO Carrelle (Benin)	Seeking 1 <sup>st</sup> Term
		Mr. Thomas LUTI (Kenya)	Seeking 1 <sup>st</sup> Term

*\*the status of this candidature is prospective because it has not yet been officially submitted to the ITU. Official candidature submissions are only possible after the ITU calls for nominations – which would be done later.*