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**Subject: Call for New Members of the Generation Connect – Africa Youth Group**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The “Generation Connect” global initiative (<https://www.itu.int/generationconnect/>) was launched in November 2020 and has been on a constant route for meaningful youth contribution to policy making, digital development and inclusion during 2021. It aimed to engage global youth and encourage their participation as equal partners alongside the leaders of today’s digital change, empowering young people with the skills and opportunities to advance their vision of a connected future.

This initiative was launched in line with **the ITU Youth Strategy** which aims to improve and have a real impact on the lives of young people around the world, and to ensure meaningful participation of youth in ITU as key stakeholders in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

With the objective of further strengthening the engagement of Youth at the regional level, we are pleased to announce the **call for new members of the Generation Connect – Africa Youth Group (GC-AFR)** ([https://itu.int/go/Generation\\_Connect\\_Africa](https://itu.int/go/Generation_Connect_Africa)) and to invite your organization to provide support for this effort.

GC-AFR aims at providing a unique participative process for youth to contribute to the work of ITU-ATU in Africa Region. It offers African youth a virtual platform to discuss opportunities and challenges related to digital technologies. Through this platform, youth are consulted and able to share with ITU-ATU membership their interests, concerns and perspectives on digital transformation. Members of GC-AFR are active in designing the annual workplan of the group and actively participate in ITU-ATU regional and global events and activities. Additionally, GC-AFR will continue its work, providing valuable contributions related to the organization of the upcoming [Generation Connect Global Youth Summit](#) to be held in 2022 as a pre-event for the WTDC-22.

In this context, the **call for new members of the GC-AFR** is being launched. This call targets all African youth between 18 and 25 who have an interest and/or experience and knowledge in the field of digital technologies and digital transformation. They should possess strong communication, analytical and writing skills, the ability to work remotely in teams, and have an advanced level of English and/or French. African youth are kindly invited to submit their candidatures through the **online form** by 5

**March 2022, 11:59 pm CET** and would like to encourage the participation of girls in this initiative. After an in-depth analysis of all candidatures the composition of the group will be announced by **11 March 2022**. The kick-off meeting of GC-AFR will take place on **17 March 2022**. More information on GC-AFR is available at([https://itu.int/go/Generation\\_Connect\\_Africa](https://itu.int/go/Generation_Connect_Africa)).

We invite all members on the continent to work with us to ensure the success of this initiative. We would appreciate if you would activate youth networks in your respective countries to ensure that all countries are represented in this transformational effort.

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We look forward to your support for this important initiative.

Yours faithfully,



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