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## Africa-BB-Maps Regional Event on National Broadband Mapping Systems in Africa

**26-27 March 2025**

**Hotel Azalai, Abidjan - Cote d'Ivoire**

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### PROGRAMME

**26 March 2025**

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**08:00 - 08:30 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**

**08:30 - 09:10 OPENING CEREMONY**

**Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Guy Michel Kouakou**, Director of Telecommunications Regulations, ARTCI, Côte d'Ivoire

- **Mr. Lakoun Outtara**, Director General, ARTCI
- **Mr. Hans Christian Stausbøll**, Acting Director for Africa, European Commission, DG INTPA introduced by **Ms. Laura Desmoulin**, EU Delegation in Côte d'Ivoire
- **Mr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava**, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU
- **Mr. Kalil Konate**, Minister for the Digital Transition and Digitalisation of Côte d'Ivoire

**09:10 - 09:35** Official Photograph and coffee break

**09:35 - 10:10 SETTING THE STAGE: The Role of Broadband Mapping for Universal Meaningful Connectivity and Digital Transformation**

**Moderation: Mr. Guy Michel Kouakou**, Director of Telecommunications Regulations, ARTCI, Côte d'Ivoire

- **Mr. Jaroslav Ponder**, Head of ITU Office for Europe
- **Mr. Emmanuel Manasseh**, ITU Regional Director for Africa
- **Mr. Tonko Obuljen** Vice Chair of the Body of European Regulators (BEREC)

**10:10 - 10:35 SESSION 1: Presentation of the Africa-BB-Maps project objectives and expected outcomes**

**Moderation: Emmanuel Manasseh**, ITU Regional Director for Africa

- **Ms. Halima Letamo**, Interim Project Manager, ITU, Africa-BB-Maps
- **Mr. Elind Sulmina**, Project Officer, ITU, Africa-BB-Maps


**10:35 -11:55      SESSION 2: Best practices & Case studies of broadband mapping in Europe**

**Moderation: Jaroslav Ponder**, Head of ITU Office for Europe

- Case Study 1: **Mr. Marko Simoncic**, Head of Network, Mapping and Investments Unit, and **Mr. Gregor Baliž**, Senior Advisor, Telecommunications Department, Agency for Communication Networks and Services of Slovenia (AKOS)
- Case Study 2: **Mr. Antoine Samba**, Head of International Affairs Unit, Electronic Communications, Postal and Print Media Distribution Regulatory Authority of France (ARCEP)

*Q&A of 5 Mins*

- Case Study 3: **Mr. Aldo Milan**, Head of Broadband Map, Communications Regulatory Authority of Italy (AGCOM)
- Case Study 4: **Mr. Marcin Adamowicz**, Office of Electronic Communications (UKE), Poland

*Q&A of 5 Mins*

**11:55-12:05**      Coffee Break

**12:05-13:30      SESSION 3: Posture of broadband mapping in the beneficiary countries**

**Moderation: Emmanuel Manasseh**, ITU Regional Director for Africa

- Case Study 1: **Ms. Paule Renée Lasme**, Head of Market Regulation Department, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (ARTCI), Côte D'Ivoire
- Case Study 2: **Mr. Oswald Kooma**, Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA)
- Case Study 3: **Ms. Rebecca Mukite**, Regulatory Expert, Uganda Communications Commission (UCC)

*Q&A of 10 Mins*

- Case Study 4: **Mr. Tebogo Ketshabile**, Deputy Director Networks & QoS Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA)
- Case Study 5: **Mr. David Madondo**, Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (POTRAZ)
- Case Study 6: **Mr. Paul Kiage**, Communication Authority (CA), Kenya

*Q&A of 10 Mins*

**13:30-14:30**      Lunch Break

**14:30-15:45      SESSION 4: Best practices & Case studies of broadband mapping in Europe**



**Moderation: Mr. Marko Simoncic**, Head of Network, Mapping and Investments Unit, Agency for Communication Networks and Services of Slovenia (AKOS)

- Case Study 5: **Mr. Vaidotas Radzevičius**, Chief of Specialist, Communications Regulatory Authority of Lithuania (RRT)
- Case Study 6: **Mr. Rune Skov Maigaard**, Head of Section, Danish Agency for Digital Government (DIGST)

*Q&A of 5 Mins*

- Case Study 7: **Mr. Vladimir Duković**, Policy Officer at EC DG CNECT and Senior Expert for Electronic Communications Infrastructure and Spatial Data, Croatian Regulatory Authority for Network Industries (HAKOM)
- Case Study 8: **Mr. Marios Ioannides**, Officer A, Office of the Commissioner for Electronic Communications & Postal Regulation of Cyprus (OCECPR)

*Q&A of 5 Mins*

**15:45-15:55** Coffee Break

**15:55-17:10** **SESSION 5: Posture of broadband mapping in the beneficiary countries**

**Moderation: Mr. Umar S. Abdullahi**, Special Technical Adviser, Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)

- Case Study 7: **Mr Samuel Muhizi**, Director General, Telecommunications Regulation and Control Agency (ARCT), Burundi
- Case Study 8: **Mr. Khumbo Kasambara**, Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA)
- Case Study 9: **Mr. Emmanuel Avula**, Principal Manager – GIS and Data Analyst, Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)

*Q&A of 10 Mins*

- Case Study 10: **Mr. Samuel Akpan**, Responsible, Processing Authorization Files, Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications and Post (ARCEP), Benin
- Case Study 11: **Mr. Asegdew Fitawok**, Director of Universal Access and Services, Ethiopian Communications Authority (ECA)

*Q&A of 10 Mins*

**17:10-17:20** **CLOSING REMARKS AND MAIN TAKEAWAYS**

- **Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava**, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU

**17:30-18:30** Social Event / Dinner




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**08:30 - 09:00****REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE****09:00 - 11:00****SESSION 6: ITU Products and Services for Africa-BB-Maps and cooperation with iPris****Moderator: Emmanuel Manasseh**, ITU Regional Director for Africa

- **Ms. Nancy Sundberg**, Senior Programme Officer, ITU
- **Mr. Sebastien Peytrignet**, Project Officer, ITU
- **Mr. David Manset**, Senior Project Coordinator, ITU

*Q&A of 5/7 Mins*

- **Ms. Halima Letamo**, ITU Area Rep for Southern Africa, Giga
- **Mr. Elind Sulmina**, Project Officer, ITU, Africa-BB-Maps
- **Ms. Edna Soomre**, iPRIS Project Lead, SPIDER

*Q&A of 5/7 Mins***11:00 - 12:30****Co-creation session and standing coffee****Moderator: Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder**, Head of ITU Office for Europe

- **Ms. Edna Soomre**, iPRIS Project Lead, SPIDER
- **Mr. Elind Sulmina**, Project Officer, ITU, Africa-BB-Maps

*Q&A of 5 Mins***11:30 - 12:30****Co-creation session and standing coffee****12:30 - 13:00****SESSION 8: Key Case Study Takeaways, National Implementation Planning, and open discussion, follow up on matchmaking****Moderator: Ms. Halima Letamo**, Interim Project Manager, ITU, Africa-BB-Maps

- Maps Round table and Open Floor

**13:00 - 13:15****CLOSING CEREMONY AND CLOSING REMARKS**

- **Mr. Emmanuel Manasseh**, ITU Regional Director for Africa
- **Mr. Lakoun Outtara**, Director General, ARTCI