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TO: ALL EACO MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Dear Sir, Madam,

RE: Digital Migration Policy and Licensing Training Workshop starting from 2nd to 4th June 2014 in Bujumbura, Burundi and Satellite Communications Technologies, Policy and Regulation Training Workshop starting from 5th to 6th June 2014 in Bujumbura, Burundi

The East African Communications Organisation (**EACO**), The African Advanced Level Telecommunications Institute (**AFRALTI**) and The International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (**ITSO**) have organized a **Three day** Training Workshop on **Digital Migration Policy and Licensing**; and a **Two day** Training Workshop on **Satellite Communications Technologies, Policy and Regulation** which will be conducted back-to-back.

Digital Migration Policy and Licensing workshop will cover:

- Quick look at Electromagnetic spectrum, with specifics on radio communication spectrum.
- Broadcast spectrum, yesterday, today and tomorrow
- Understanding current trend in spectrum usage
- Valuation of the broadcast spectrum
- Future spectrum needs of the broadcast industry
- Regulatory authority in the communication industry, single or dual regulator
- Current licensing method in the broadcast industry in Africa
- Emerging Licence methods in Africa
- Broadcasting policy and practice in Africa
- Broadcast Licence as an asset.

While Satellite Communications Technologies, Policy and Regulation Workshop will cover:

- Satellite Systems and Technologies
- An overview of satellites design, types, orbits, applications
- Satellites Communication Technology: Ground segments, Space Segment, Uplink and Downlinks, radio link analysis
- Satellites Communication Industry: Principles, practices, Policy, Standards, Regulation, Licensing, Spectrum Planning and interference mitigation; the role of Sector Agencies: ITU, ITSO, Regional and National regulatory Authorities
- Satellite Communication Systems and Services: Network Topologies, Services Planning, Equipment Procurement, Installation and Maintenance
- Satellite Communications Business Drivers

Target groups for Digital Migration Policy and Licensing workshop are:

- Managers of broadcast stations
- Regulatory affairs officers of broadcast stations
- Regulators especially officers responsible for spectrum management.

While Target groups for Satellite Communications Technologies, Policy and Regulation workshop are:

- Senior and middle level business and technical managers working for telecommunications services providers and other ICT service providers
- ICT Sector regulators and policy makers
- VSAT Equipment vendors and operators
- ICT Consultants, researchers and Industry Analysts

EACO invites you to be part of the training workshops which are being held at a time when most of the East African Broadcasters are migrating to Digital Broadcasting and Telecom Operators are rolling out infrastructure for Broadband networks.

Further information about these training workshops will be available at the EACO website <http://www.eaco.int> and the African Advanced Level Telecommunications Institute website <http://www.afralti.org>. In the meantime, any request for further information should be sent to the email address: info@eaco.int.

We look forward to your participation.

Yours Sincerely,


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Executive Secretary/CEO

