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The Guest of Honour, ATU SG, Mr. Abdoulkarim Soumaila;

Our Partners, Google and Dynamic Spectrum Alliance;

The representatives of the Government of Kenya;

Distinguished AfriSWOG Delegates;

Distinguished participants;

And all Protocols observed;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to AFRALTI – The Advance level Telecommunications Institute, here in Nairobi, Kenya on this occasion of the seminal workshop on TV White Spaces.

It is indeed a rare opportunity for a large congregation of ICT professionals like this one to bring their minds to bear on such an important subject as the concept and applications of TV White Spaces. I wish to thank you all for honouring the invitation to join hands with AFRALTI and its partners in gracing this workshop on TV White

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Spaces. With over 100 participants present in this forum today, I am pleased to note representation from many countries and organizations. With over 20 Countries and over 40 Organizations represented, I believe that this forum will be a resounding success because virtually all parts of Africa are present at this workshop

Please join me to acknowledge the presence of delegations and representatives from the following countries and region of Africa: From Southern Africa, Please give a round of applause to Botswana, South Africa, Malawi; Zimbabwe. From Central Africa, let us welcome Cameroon and Congo Brazzaville. From West Africa, let us give it up for Nigeria, Codivoire, Chad, Guinea Equatorial and Senegal. From North Africa, let us welcome delegates from Egypt and the Sudan. From East Africa, let us welcome the participants from Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya.

From Kenya, I recognize the representative from the following institutions: The Ministry of ICT, The Communications Commission of Kenya; The African Telecommunications Union, (ATU);African International University; Egerton University; Ihub Kenya; Jamii Telecom; Kenya Broadcasting Corporation; Kenya Methodist University; Kisii University; Moi University; Multi Media University; Nation Television, (NTV); Royal media Services; Telkom Orange and The University of Nairobi. I believe that there are more Kenyan Organizations that may be present.

I acknowledge our great Partnership with Google and the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance, (SA), with whom AFRALTI have brought this workshop to you free of charge. Let us give a round of applause to the Google and the DSA team. I also recognize the presence of other participants including the representatives from Ericson, GSMA; and other International participants from Switzerland, the UK, Germany and the USA. If there is any other representation I have not mentioned, please stand up for us to see and acknowledge your presence. Thank you all for coming. I urge all of us to debate this very important subject with sobriety and objectivity with a view to making a lasting impact in the way the subject will evolve.

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I particularly wish to recognize our experts who will lead us in the debate and the discussions of this workshop. Let us give it up for Dr. Chomora Mikeka from Malawi who will this morning seek to demonstrate some successes on the trials of TVWS

Let us also acknowledge Professor Nwana from Cameroon who is also the Executive Director of DSA; Aparna Sridhar; Richard Thanki and Arno Hart. Despite not being able to make to this venue for various reasons including visa and travelling challenges; let us also thank the following facilitators who are listed in your programme: Allan Norman (USA); Dominic Cull (USA); Dr. Ntisbane Ntlatlapa (Lesotho) and Sydina Diop (Senegal). Finally, but not least I thank Fortune (Google SA) and Michael Murungi (Google Kenya) for making this workshop a success.

And now turning to the AFRALTI-Google partnership; I wish to mention at this stage that AFRALTI is a technology-neutral and a vendor- neutral organization that welcomes all willing partners, As you will note shortly from our mission statement, AFRALTI is a pan African Intergovernmental Training Institute that was created over 20 years ago by the predecessor of the AU   (The African Union) – the OAU (Organization of African Unity) and the ITU with the mandate to provides Advanced level and specialized training courses in Telecommunications in English Speaking African Countries. I hasten to add that this scope has been expanded to cover the whole of ICT and related disciplines, including Management, Policy and Regulatory courses; Research, Consultancy and Advisory services as well as technology and Certification courses that lead to the acquisition of skills demanded by the industry.

Since 2002, AFRALTI has been one of the few ITU's ICT Centres of Excellence for Africa. To date, AFRALTI works closely with the ITU and its regional bodies including ATU with whom we have closely liaised and planned for this workshop with their support. Thank you very much Bwana Secretary General and the ATU team for your support. As you embark on the AfriSWOG -2 Conference on this very venue beginning tomorrow, we send our message of goodwill and support to the ATU.

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Hosted by the Government of Kenya, and we take this opportunity send our message of gratitude to the Government of Kenya, AFRALTI is a membership organization in which independent African countries are free to join as a member state by ratifying the instruments of the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA).

Currently, 8 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa have are active members of AFRALTI. State membership affords the member country a lot of opportunities for its citizens to benefit from high quality and affordable courses. At this very moment, AFRALTI's Governing Council is meeting at the White Sands Hotel in Dare salaam, Tanzania in its 48th Governing Council Meeting to consider the progress of AFRALTI's activities over the last 6 Months. Several countries are expected to join the AFRALTI community as full Member states. Several countries are observers as their respective governments seek to ratify the joining instruments. I urge all of you whose countries are eligible and are not yet members of AFRALTI to apply for membership of AFRALTI and join the growing no of countries who have discovered the benefits of joining and training with and through AFRALTI.

AFRALTI has several other suites of membership categories under its Associate Membership category, namely: sector Member, Funding partner, Academic partner; Content Partner and Delivery Partner. We have now been joined by Google, our celebrated partner in this workshop, as Sector and Funding Partner. I therefore wish to extend similar invitations to the respective organizations present join the AFRALTI community through appropriate categories of AFRALTI's associate membership.

I have no doubt this workshop of seminal importance that will shape the way forward in the area of Frequency and Spectrum Management in Africa.

Your presence here goes on to further prove that AFRALTI has the capacity to host events of such importance and magnitude and I would like to thank you all for making this occasion possible.

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As you have rightly judged, by virtue of its policy of being a technology-neutral and vendor-neutral organization, AFRALTI is a non-partisan player in this subject of TV White Spaces and acts only as a facilitator and a catalyst of acquisition and deployment of ICT Knowledge and Skills.

As an ITU ICT Centre of Excellence, AFRALTI seeks to facilitate the development of relevant recommendations that will facilitate the optimal sharing and deployment of scarce Spectrum Resources in an optimal manner. As you may have noted from our Mission statement, AFRALTI works with and through Strategic partnerships and Alliances to create and make a positive impact on Africa through innovations.

This is the opportunity that Google and the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance seized by partnering with AFRALTI to bring to you this workshop with a view to demonstrating feasible and new ways of managing spectrum resources in Africa. Indeed, we are ready to work with all other stakeholders in this field and I do hereby extend an open invitation to other potential partners to mount similar workshops in the future. It is my sincere hope that we shall make a lasting impact on this subject.

And now, as I exit the stage, I would now like to invite our Guest of Honour, the Secretary General of ATU, Mr. Abdoulkarim Soumaila, to address us with his key note address and Goodwill Message from ATU on the occasion of the official opening of this seminal workshop on TV White Spaces.

Please join me in a round of applause to welcome The Secretary General.

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