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MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF
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CAIRO, EGYPT
11-14 MAY, 2008**

**DRAFT AGENDA AND
WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EXPERTS SESSION**

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I. OPENING CEREMONY

II. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- Election of the Bureau
- Adoption of Agenda and Work Programme

III. REPORT BY CONFERENCE OUTGOING BUREAU

IV. WORKSHOPS ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ICT

SESSION 1: Review of the study on the reference framework for the harmonization of Telecommunications/ICT policies and regulations in Africa

Presentations

- Situation of sector, challenges and priorities for action
- Reference framework for the harmonization of policies and regulations

Discussions and conclusions

SESSION 2: African Regional Action Plan on the Knowledge Economy (ARAPKE)

- Presentation of ARAPKE status report: Leading projects and Action Plan
- Discussion and conclusions

SESSION 3: ICT and Youth

- Presentation of conclusions of workshop on ICT and Youth
- Discussion and conclusions

SESSION 4: Other initiatives on ICT

- Report on the conclusions and implementation status of the Connect Africa Summit (October 2007, Kigali);
- Presentation of the “one per cent digital solidarity” principle;
- Internet Governance Forum;
- Global Alliance for ICT and development (GAID)

I. WORKSHOPS ON POSTAL SERVICES

SESSION 5: Review of the study on strategies, policies and regulations for the development of postal services in Africa

- Presentation of Study report
- Discussion and conclusions

II. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

III. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF EXPERTS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

IV. CLOSING SESSION

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EXPERTS SESSION

FIRST DAY 1: SUNDAY 11 MAY 2008
09H00 - 10H30 : Opening ceremony
10H30 - 10H45 : COFFEE BREAK
10H45 - 11H15 : Procedural matters
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election of the Bureau• Adoption of Agenda and Work Programme
11H15 - 12H00 : Report by Outgoing Bureau
WORKING SESSIONS
12H00 - 14H00 : SESSION I (Plenary): Study on the reference framework for the harmonization of policies and regulations of the Telecommunication/ICT sector in Africa
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation on sector status, challenges and priorities for action;• Presentation on the reference framework for the harmonization of policies and regulations;• Discussions, conclusions and recommendations
12H00 - 14H00: SESSION 5 (Plenary): Study on strategies, policies and regulations for the development of postal services in Africa;
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of Study report• Discussions, conclusions and recommendations
14H00 - 15H30 : LUNCH
15H30 - 16H30 : SESSION 1 (Plenary, continued)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussions, conclusions and recommendations
15H30 - 16H30 : SESSION 5 (plenary, continued)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussions, conclusions and recommendations
16H30 - 16H45 : COFFEE BREAK
15H45 - 18H00 : SESSION 1 (Plenary, continued)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussions, conclusions and recommendations
15H45 - 18H00 : SESSION 5 (Suite Plénière)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussions, conclusions et recommandations
18h00 : END OF FIRST DAY

DEUXIEME JOURNEE: MONDAY 12 MAY 2008
9H00 – 10H30: SESSION 2 (Plenary): African Regional Action Plan on the Knowledge Economy (ARAPKE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of ARAPKE leading projects and Action Plan • Discussions, conclusions and recommendations
9h00 – 17h00 : Preparation of the Report of Sessions 1 and 5
10H30 - 10H45 : COFFEE BREAK
10H45 - 11H45: SESSION 3 (Plenary): ICT and Youth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Conclusions of the workshop on ICT and Youth • Discussions, conclusions and recommendations
11.45 11H45 - 13H00 : SESSION 4 (Plenary): Other initiatives on ICT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the conclusions of the Connect Africa Summit, held in October 2007 in Kigali, and their implementation status
13H00 - 14H30: LUNCH
14H30 - 16H30 : 14.30 – 16.30: SESSION 4 (continued and ended): Other initiatives on ICT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the “one per cent digital solidarity” principle • Presentation on the Internet Governance Forum • Presentation on the Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and development (GAID) • Discussions, conclusions and recommendations
16H30 - 17H00: COFFEE BREAK
17H00 – 17H30 : Any other business
17H30: END OF SECOND DAY
THIRD DAY: TUESDAY 13 MAY 2008
08H00-13H00: Preparation, translation and reproduction of the Report of the Experts Session
13H00-14H30: LUNCH
14H30-15H00: Preparation, translation and reproduction of the Report of the Experts Session

15H00-15H15: COFFEE BREAK

15H15-18H00: Consideration and Adoption of Documents to be Submitted to the Ministerial Session

- Report of the Experts Session
- Draft Plan of Action
- Draft Ministerial Declaration
- Draft Agenda and Work Programme of the Ministerial Session
- Draft Final Communique
- Draft Vote of Thanks
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18h00 : CLOSING OF THE EXPERTS SESSION

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I. OPENING CEREMONY

II. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- Presentation of the Report of the Outgoing Bureau
- Election of Conference Bureau
- Adoption of Agenda and Work Programme

III. WORKING SESSION

- Consideration of the Report of the Experts Session
- Consideration and Adoption of the Declaration and recommendations on Post and Telecommunications /ICT
- Any other business
- Consideration and Adoption of the Report of the Ministerial Session

IV. CLOSING OF THE MINISTERIAL SESSION

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PREMIERE JOURNEE : WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2008	
09H00 - 10H00 :	OPENING CEREMONY
10H00 - 10H20 :	COFFEE BREAK
10H20 - 11H00 :	PROCEDURAL MATTERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the report of the Outgoing Bureau• Election of the members of the Conference Bureau• Adoption of agenda and work programme
WORKING SESSIONS	
12H00-13H00 :	Consideration of the Report of the Experts Session
13H00 - 15H00 :	COFFEE BREAK
15H00 - 15H45 :	Consideration and adoption of the Ministerial Declaration and Plan of Action
15H45 - 16H00 :	COFFEE BREAK
16H00 - 17H00 :	Consideration and adoption of the Report of the Ministerial Session
17H00 - 17H30 :	Any other business
17H30 – 18H00 :	Adoption of Final Communiqué and vote of thanks of the Ministerial Session
18H00 – 19H00 :	CLOSING OF THE MEETING