



Concept Note – Digital Platform Validation Workshop

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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Context

The African Union Commission, Department of Infrastructure and Energy, Information Society Division (AUC-DIE-ISD) is progressing well in the implementation of the Policy and Regulation Initiative for Digital Africa (PRIDA) project. In that framework, , the AUC has now started designing the PRIDA Digital Platform and is convening this Workshop from 9-10December 2019 to present the Platform Prototype in order to collect views and feedback from all beneficiaries of PRIDA project before starting the development.

The Digital Platform will be a continental platform for exchange of information and best practices among African experts and policy makers, a platform to discuss and develop Africa Common positions and ICT related matters as well as a digital infrastructure support for the delivery of continuous online trainings for African experts both on ICT policy, legislations & regulations and Internet Governance.

Moreover, the Digital Platform will significantly contribute to the sustainability of the PRIDA project by enabling the creation of online experts working groups to debate and raise awareness on emerging ICT and IG topics and serve as a one stop shopping space for all national, regional and continental ICT policies, Legislations and regulations.

The online platform comprises of the following 7 modules

- 1) One stop shopping for all Policies, Legislations and Regulations.
- 2) Harmonization tool and monitoring methodology for Policies, Legislations and Regulations
- 3) Continuous ad-hoc training
 - Training on ICT policy, legislation & regulation
 - Training on Internet Governance (IG)
 - Training on Domain Names Systems (DNS)
- 4) Statistics and Data on ICT
- 5) Collaboration, Cooperation exchange of best practices
 - Work space
 - Portal for expert group
 - Digital Policy Clinic (IG)
- 6) Building AU-MS common positions
- 7) Online Book Store

Expected Outcome of the Workshop

The workshop is aimed at gathering feedbacks on the Digital Platform Prototype and the proposed modules to be presented during the workshop. The feedbacks will have a crucial contribution to start the successful development of the platform.

About PRIDA

The "Policy and Regulation Initiative for Digital Africa" (PRIDA) is a joint initiative of the African Union (AU), the European Union (EU) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), that enables the African continent to reap the benefits of digitalization by addressing various dimensions of broadband demand and supply in Africa and building the capacities of AU Member States in the Internet Governance space. It is supported by the EU-funded Pan African Program.

PRIDA has set out to achieve three main objectives: (i) Efficient and harmonized spectrum utilization across the continent, (ii) Harmonization of measurable ICT/Telecommunications policy, legal and regulatory frameworks and (iii) African stakeholders' active participation in the global internet governance debate.

PRIDA will contribute to the African Digital Transformation Strategy which aims at guiding a common, coordinated response for reaping the benefits of the Digital Economy.

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