

# **Democratic Republic of the Congo** Connectivity and Digital Infrastructure Standards Workshop

# June 16-17, 2021. 9am-11am EDT / 2pm-4pm GMT+1 | On-site in Kinshasa | Virtual via Zoom

Under its Access Africa initiative, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) is sponsoring the twoday Connectivity and Digital Infrastructure Standards Workshop to advance industry best practices that can improve digital infrastructure and mobile digital technologies in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Participants will engage with key U.S. and Congolese experts to promote increased connectivity and an enabling regulatory environment.

### BACKGROUND

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) developed its National Digital Plan 2025 to revitalize and enable its digital economy. It is now seeking private sector solutions to accelerate and solidify its digital transformation efforts.

This workshop will highlight the critical role of improved digital infrastructure and mobile digital technologies in fostering economic development, strengthening health and financial systems, and enabling the next generation of entrepreneurs to harness the power of e-commerce and digital trade.

Discussions and presentations will address topics on network infrastructure including 3G, 4G and 5G technologies, spectrum allocation and cybersecurity, as well as other relevant topics.

#### ABOUT USTDA

The U.S. Trade and Development Agency helps companies create U.S. jobs through the export of U.S. goods and services for priority infrastructure projects in emerging economies. USTDA links U.S. businesses to export opportunities by funding project preparation and partnership building activities that develop sustainable infrastructure and foster economic growth in partner countries.

Attendance at this event is limited to U.S. and DRC individuals and firms.

## WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

- Learn about regulatory changes and upcoming project opportunities
- Meet key decision-makers
- Build contacts with U.S. companies specializing in cybersecurity, fiber and microwave technologies, etc.
- Form new business partnerships

#### ACCESS AFRICA

USTDA's Access Africa initiative supports quality ICT infrastructure across Africa. Working with the public and private sectors, Access Africa brings together critical stakeholders and designs targeted programming to advance inclusive, secure and sustainable connectivity. Access Africa partners directly contribute to the Agency's programming and have enhanced exposure to key ICT stakeholders in the region. For more information: AccessAfrica@ustda.gov

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