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U.S. – DRC Connectivity and Digital Infrastructure Standards Workshop

Wednesday, June 16, 2021
2:00 – 4:30 PM (GMT +1)
9:00 – 11:30 AM (EDT)
Hybrid Workshop

Day 1: Broadband Connectivity and Digital Technologies

8:45 am ET	**Sign-in**
09:00 am EDT	**Welcome and Opening Remarks** - Zing Kuvituanga, Economic Assistant, U.S. Embassy Kinshasa (MC) - Sharon Okello, Program Manager, American National Standards Institute (ANSI) (MC) - Jeremy Chen, Deputy Economic Chief, U.S. Embassy Kinshasa - Mr. Anthony Nkinzo, Managing Director, National Agency for Investment Promotion (ANAPI)
09:20 am EDT	**Keynote Address: State of Connectivity in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** **Speakers:** - H.E. Mr. Vincent Ikimba Bongelo, General Secretary, Posts, Telecommunications, and New Technologies of Communication and Information - Mr. Delphin Muteba, Director of Telecommunications Market Regulation, Post and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (ARPTC)
10:00 am EDT	**Session 1: Broadband Infrastructure: Tower, Fiber & Microwave Technologies** *Moderator: David Bain, Executive Director, Technology Integrity Council* **Speakers:** - Michal Wesolowski, Sales Director, Carrier Networks, Corning Optical Communications - Dustin McIntire, Chief Technology Officer (CTO), COMSovereign Holding Corporation - Kreg Barrett, Global Business Development Director, Telecommunications and Energy, Maxar Technologies - Ravi Suchak, Vice President, Public Affairs – EMEA, American Tower Corporation **Q&A** (10 mins)
11:25 am EDT	**Concluding Remarks** - Lisa Coppé, Senior Manager, Sub-Saharan Africa, USTDA

Day 2: Satellite Connectivity and Future of Digital Standards

8:45 am EDT	**Sign-in**
09:00 am EDT	**Welcome Remarks** - Heather Lanigan, Regional Director for Sub-Saharan Africa, USTDA - Sharon Okello, Program Manager, American National Standards Institute (ANSI) (MC)
09:15 am EDT	**Session 2: Satellite Connectivity** *Moderator: David Bain, Executive Director, Technology Integrity Council* **Speakers:** - Thys Kazad Tshibind, Africa Public Policy Manager, Facebook - Jennifer Manner, Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, EchoStar Corporation - Ryan Johnson, Senior Director, Global Market Access & Government Affairs, Viasat - Matt Abrams, Business Development and Product Marketing, Astranis **Q&A** (10 mins)
10:15 am EDT	**Session 3: Standards-Enabled Opportunities, Enabling Digital Technologies for the Digital Economy and E-Governance** *Moderator: Amy Mahn, International Policy Specialist, Applied Cybersecurity Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)* **Speakers:** - Dr. Bienvenu Agbokponto Soglo, Government and Policy Director for Africa, Intel Corp. - Jason Matusow, General Manager, Corporate Standards Group, Microsoft Corporation - Esther Chibesa, Managing Director, Treasury & Trade Solutions (TTS) Head for Sub-Saharan Africa, Citigroup, Inc. **Q&A** (10mins)
11:25 EDT	**Closing Remarks** - H.E. Mr. Vincent Ikimba Bongelo, General Secretary**,** Posts, Telecommunications, and New Technologies of Communication and Information - Sharon Okello, Program Manager, American National Standards Institute (ANSI)