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**Subject: International Telecommunication Union (ITU)'s acceptance to join the Coalition for Digital Africa**

Dear Mr. Marby,

I refer to your letter dated 18 November 2022 inviting the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to consider joining the Coalition for Digital Africa, and I am pleased to formally inform you that ITU has accepted to be part of the coalition. Please find attached the Statement of Agreement duly signed by ITU Secretary-General Mr Houlin Zhao.

I take this opportunity to congratulate you, ICANN, and the whole community for launching this important Coalition for Digital Africa at the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 28 November to 2 December 2022.

As you will remember from ITU's Plenipotentiary Conference 2022, held in Bucharest two months ago, ITU member states gave the ITU two strategic goals: Universal Connectivity and Sustainable Digital Transformation. As you rightly point out Africa, more than any other region, stands to benefit from meaningful and affordable Internet access, sustained by capacity building and content development through resilient and secure infrastructure.

ITU is happy to join the coalition and to engage more collaborative efforts with key partners like ICANN. Our team in Geneva and our regional and area offices in Africa remain available to be part of the process and deliverables, as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DB' with a flourish.

Doreen Bogdan-Martin  
Director