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INFORMATION NOTE

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- ❖ Honorable Ministers in Charge of Posts in ECOWAS area,
- ❖ Presidents and Directors General of Postal Regulatory Authorities in ECOWAS area,
- ❖ Directors General of Posts in ECOWAS area

Seminar on Financial Inclusion and E-Commerce, 15th to 17th March 2017, Grand Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire

I am pleased to inform you that in the process of the implementation of WAPCO Programme of action adopted by the Ministerial Conference held on the 23rd June in Niamey, WAPCO with the support of ECOWAS and Côte d'Ivoire, will organise from 15th and 16th March 2017, a Seminar on : « **Postal Contribution to the financial inclusion and e-commerce in ECOWAS area** ».

During the seminar, the technical process for the establishment of a database with online access to the West african postal services information, shall be submitted for your approval and validation.

The day of 17th march 2017 will be reserved to the Foundation for Research and Development of Postal services in Africa (FRDPA), which will held a symposium on Information and Communication technologies for the development of postal products.

Mr Pascal Clivaz, Deputy Director General of the International Bureau of the UPU, and Mr Moussibahou Mazou, Former Deputy Director General of the International Bureau of the UPU and Chairman of the FRDPA Committee will enhance these days with their presence and will make presentations.

This seminar is intended to the Governmental Authorities, as well to the Regulatory and Council Authorities and Postal Operators.

The Pan African Postal Union (PAPU), the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) and the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) are invited to make presentations in order to share their views on the above mentioned key topics addressed by the last Istanbul Congress.

To facilitate the participation of all the member countries of our Organisation, ECOWAS will bear the related travel costs and accomodations (hotel room) for one participant by Member State. The other Participants shall travel at expense of their Institutions. Lunch will also be provided for all participants during these days.

Further informations will be provided in due course.

Pending formal invitation which will be sent to you shortly, please mark these days in your diary, and assure your presence in order to ensure maximum and high level participation at this meeting.



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