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## **Workshop on legal framework for e-commerce and an harmonized legal framework for ICT in West Africa**

**19-20 December 2006, Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)**

### **Provisional Agenda**

**General Rapporteur:** M. Modibo Camara, Chief, Informatics and Documentation Centre,  
Ministry of Commerce, Mali

Tuesday 19 December 2006

#### **Opening Ceremony**

**09:00- 10:00**

Master of Ceremony : Mr. Rachid Traore, Director of Communications, Ministry of Posts and  
Information and Communication Technologies, Burkina Faso

- Welcome Statement: Mr. Halidou Ouedraogo, Director ECA Sub-Regional Office for West Africa
- Statement by Ms. Helene Guissou, Director of Transports and Telecommunications, UEMOA
- Statement by Dr. S. Afolabi, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECOWAS
- Opening Statement : Mr. Joachim Tankoano, Minister of Posts and Information and Communication Technologies, Burkina Faso

Rapporteur: Mr. Allassani Ouedraogo, Coordinator e-strategy development, Ministry of Posts and Information and Communication Technologies, Burkina Faso

**10:00-10:30**                    *Coffee Break*

**10:30-13:00**

#### **Session 1**

Towards an harmonized framework of ICTs in West Africa

Chair: Mr. Mohamed Sylla, Director, Information Technology, Ministry of Communications, Guinea

**10:30-12:00**

Towards an harmonized Legal Framework for ICT in West Africa:

- Presentation of the Terms of Reference of the Study
- Results of preliminary assessments carried out by the consultant

By Abdoullah Cisse, Professor of Law, University Gaston Berger, Saint-Louis, Senegal  
Rapporteur: Mr. Adamou Iro, Laywer-Manager, High Commission for ICT, Niger

**12H00 – 13H00**

Legal framework for e-commerce for North African countries : Mr. Mustapha Mezghani,  
Coordinator, ECA e-commerce study for North Africa

Rapporteur: Mr. Toyitom Amelete, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Communications, Togo

Discussion

**13:00-14:45**                    *Lunch Break*

**14:45-18:00**

**Session 2**

Status and challenges for e-commerce Legal framework in West Africa

Chair: Mr. Allassani Ouedraogo, Coordinator e-strategy development, Burkina Faso

Rapporteur: Mr. Moustapha Bande, Chief of Studies and Regulations, Ministry of Posts and Information Technologies, Burkina Faso

**14:30-16:00**

Presentation of the Report on the Legal Framework for e-commerce in ECOWAS countries,  
Dayo Ogunyemi, Attorney, EMC Matrix, USA

Discussion

**16:00-16:15**    *Pause café*

**16:15-17:45**

Case study on Key Challenges in implementing e-commerce in Ghana, Dayo Ogunyemi,  
Attorney, EMC Matrix, USA

Discussion

## **West African Country presentations**

Chair: M. Issah Yahaya, Coordinator NICI development, Ghana

Rapporteurs: Mr. Babou Sarr, Telecom Engineer, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and New Information Technologies, Senegal

Discussion

**16:15- 17:30**

Wednesday 20 December 2006

**9:00-10:30**

### **Session 3**

Presentations from countries and stakeholders

Chair: M. Issah Yahaya, Coordinator, ICT strategy development, Ministry of Communications, Ghana

Rapporteur: Mr. Babou Sarr, Telecoms Engineer, Sénégal

- Country presentations
- ICTs, Trade and Economic Growth, Mr. Diossy Santos, Economist, Ministry of Finance, Senegal
- Private sector presentations

**10:30-10:45**                    *Coffee Break*

**10:45-12:30**

### **Session 4**

Preparation of the report and draft recommendations

Moderator : Mr. Modibo Camara, Chief, Informatics and Documentation Centre, Ministry of Commerce, Mali

**12:30-14:30**                    *Lunch Break*

**14:30-16:00**

### **Session 5**

Discussion of an Implementation Plan

Chair: ECOWAS

Rapporteur: M. Henri Danon, Deputy Director, Government Information Systems, Ministry of Communication, Cote d'Ivoire

**16:00-16:15**                    *Coffee Break*

**16:15-17:15**

### **Session 6**

Discussion of conclusions and recommendations

Chair: Mr. Makane Faye, ECA

Rapporteur: Mr. Theodore Somda, Coordinator, African Youth Information Network (AYIN)

**17:15-17:45**

**Session 7**

Closing

Chair: UEMOA

Rapporteur: Mr. Mam Dawda Gai, Senior Manager Internet and Data Services, Gamtel, The Gambia