





The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Ebele Goodluck JONATHAN, has approved the nomination of Nigeria to seek re-election for a seat at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Council at the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14) of the ITU, which will take place in Busan, Republic of Korea from 20th October to 7th November 2014.

Nigeria joined the ITU in 1961 and has since been actively supporting many of the Union's initiatives some of which are highlighted as follows:

- participated in all ITU major Conferences, regional meetings and seminars and the work of the Study Groups of the 3 ITU sectors;
- · chaired one of the main Committees at the WTDC Qatar and at WRC-12 in Geneva;
- served as Vice Chairman of a number of ITU-R Study Groups and member of the Board of the ITU Telecom World;
- successfully presented candidate for the RRB at two consecutive ITU Plenipotentiary Conferences; candate eventually became Chairman of the RRB;
- played host to a number of ITU regional meetings in Abuja, Nigeria;
- long established strategic partner with ITU Telecom World as sponsors, speakers, and panelists;
- strategic partnership with ITU for the establishment and funding of ITU Cyber Security Centre in Nigeria;
- · long standing leadership roles in ITU core activities in RRB, TDAG, TSAG;
- Nigeria has been a member of the ITU Council for over 30 years.

Nigeria at present is a Member of the ITU Council having been re-elected at the ITU 2010 Plennipotentiary Conference (PP-10) that took place in Guadalajara, Mexico in October, 2010. Since the re-election, and as in the past, Nigeria has continued to contribute effectively to the activities and operations of the ITU Council. It has recorded remarkable achievements in the development of its Telecommunications and ICT and has been acclaimed one of the fastest growing mobile industries in the world consecutively over the years.

Recently and in recognition of its leadership/active role in the Union, the First Lady, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. (Dame) Patience Goodluck Jonathan, was appointed by the ITU as a Champion of the ITU child online protection.

Nigeria s fully committed to continue to support the work of the ITU and the Union will be well served by the re-election of Nigeria to the next Council of the ITU.

The ITU Council acts on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference and meets annually to consider broad telecommunication policy issues to ensure that the Union's policies and strategies respond fully to the constantly changing telecommunication environment. The Council is also responsible for ensuring the efficient coordination of the work of the Union and the approval of its budgets.

