



Community Support Center / CSC-Asbl Joins Child Online Africa to call on African countries to adopt and implement African Telecommunications Union e-skills framework.

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December 7, 2021 Community Support Center / CSC-Asbl today announced its commitment to African Telecommunications Union and ICT Day event (ATU day), held annually in December, by joining Child Online Africa's statement calling for a comprehensive implementation of the e-skills framework with all stakeholders involved. The fact that Africa needs to catch up with the rest of the world in the uptake of 4IR technologies such as AI, Big Data cannot be over emphasizes. Augmented Reality and Robotics that are globally revolutionizing all economic sectors and increasing efficiency, productivity, and value. It is against this background ATU day was initiated to prepare Children, Young people and Adults alike for the future markets.

“Promoting the digital environment is good, ensuring the online protection of children is better; ensuring the safety of children is everyone's duty, on this special day of the ATU / December 7, CSC-Asbl is ready to pursue this path for a better future for children in Africa”
Byolenganya O,ol Bernouli CEO of CSC-Asbl

Now in its 44th year, ATU continues to build momentum and impact with the ultimate goal of providing all African businesses entities, government agencies, colleges and universities, non-formal associations, civil society organizations and individuals committed to this year's ATU day theme of 'Digital Skills Development for Africa's Digital Transformation'. which encourages everyone to prioritize e-skills through the adoption of ATU's e-skills framework.

CSC-Asbl is proud to support this mobilization by Child Online Africa to mark ATU day and to remind the government of **CSC-Asbl** to be deliberate at e-skills development as stipulated in the ATU framework.

“Africa cannot function effectively in the era of 4IR and other emerging technologies without e-skills. The absence of these skills will be a barrier to growth, employment, and social inclusion in Africa. Cybersecurity is an important skill for the success of all businesses and organizations. COA is proud to be associating with this call to emphasize the need for e-skills and encourage industry to be involved in curriculum design, mainstream e-skills development in education from Kindergarten right up in Africa, then put in systems in place which will protect, prevent and activate proactive change in safeguarding the wellbeing of children and women when the need arises.” said Awo Aidam Amenyah, executive director, COA. For more information about ATU day 2021, visit <https://www.atuuat.africa/event/ministerial-forum-to-commemorate-atu-and-ict-day/> . You can also follow and use the hashtag **#ATUday** on social media.

About Community Support Center / CSC-Asbl

Community Support Center / CSC-Asbl created on February 23, 2016 Based in Uvira / South Kivu eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Founded by Byolenganya O, ol Bernoulli; CSC-Asbl works to support, accompany, promote socio-economic empowerment and ensure the protection of child survivors and victims of wars, ethnic conflicts but also children living in difficult living conditions. CSC's goal is to ensure a better future for vulnerable children.

We are here to actively contribute to the online and offline protection of children in Africa by working together on the assessment and mitigation of the risks children may face when setting up our programs, our operations or any activities that put them at risk.

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About ATU Day 2021

On 7th December 1977, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the 12th Session of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) Assembly of Heads of State and Government established the Pan-African Telecommunications Union (PATU) as a specialized agency of the African Union (now the African Union) in the field of telecommunications/ICTs. PATU would later change its name to the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) on 7th December 1999. Ever since 7th December, also known as ATU Day/African Telecoms/ICT Day has been set aside to commemorate the establishment of the Union. This year, we celebrate ATU Day 2021 under the theme, "Digital Skills Development for Africa's Digital Transformation". <https://www.atuuat.africa/>

About Child Online Africa

Child Online Africa (COA) is a child focused research and advocacy non-governmental organization that campaigns for/with children and young people and their families to influence policies and change practices that affect child welfare in Ghana and across Africa. We build partnerships with organizations and individuals to promote online safety by employing rights and evidence-based advocacy approaches to achieve sustainable outcomes. <https://www.childonlineafrica.org/>

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