Uganda to host Africa's spectrum management workshop

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Information and communication experts from all over Africa are meeting towards the end of this month in Uganda to brainstorm about spectrum management issues.

Spectrum management is the process of regulating the use of radio frequencies to promote efficient use and gain a net social benefit. The event overseers The African Union and its technical body, NEPAD Planning & Coordinating Agency, are placing spectrum management as a priority issue for the ICT sector in Africa.

According to an 16 April 2012 statement released by Kemilinks International, one of the partners the meeting will among other things review the decisions of the recently concluded World Radio communications Conference (WRC 12) and examine its implications for Africa.

The meeting is scheduled to take place 23-25 April 2012 at Sheraton Hotel, in Kampala in close collaboration with the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) and the African Telecommunications Union (ATU).

Spectrum Africa is designed as a capacity building programme for policy makers, regulators, operators, legislators, academia, universities and their associated research establishments concerned with the development of telecom/ ICT and other industry stakeholders.

"Frequency Spectrum is a national resource which needs to be managed properly and with insight so that everyone can benefit from it," Godfrey Mutabazi, executive director UCC said, adding, "We decided to host this event given the strategic opportunity for us as regulators to share our experience with our colleagues in Africa and beyond."

This annual workshop had in the past taken place in Ghana, South Africa, Rwanda and Nigeria.

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