*All times listed below are Central Africa Time (UTC + 2).

SHOWCASE SESSION 3

DAY 3 – Wednesday 16 September - 16.15 – 17.00

Stage 1: Improving connectivity in Sub-Saharan Africa – How effective spectrum licensing can set the stage for better digitalisation *(Hosted by GSMA)*

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has accentuated the enormous role of digitalisation for the economies. Digital connectivity is an absolute must have for citizen and businesses when physical interaction is constrained. Countries with a resilient mobile network and better-quality service will also be at an advantage during post-Covid economic recovery. This session will take a look at how implementing licensing best practice can have a positive impact on closing the digital gap and promoting better services. Topics include the international best practices of mobile licensing, illustrated by examples seen in other regions.

Presentations by Peng Zhao, Senior Director, Spectrum, GSMA and Caroline Mbugua, Senior Policy Manager, Sub-Saharan Africa, GSMA followed by a fireside chat with Shergen Padayachee, Executive Head, Technology & Wholesale, Vodacom Group, about some of the recent assignments in the region, hosted by Kamal Tamawa, Senior Policy Manager, Sub-Saharan Africa, GSMA.

Stage 2: Spectrum – the Answer to Africa’s Connectivity Questions? *(Hosted by ESOA)*

Presentation from Aarti Holla, Secretary General, ESOA and Richard Womersley, Director, Spectrum Consulting, LS telcom, followed by live Q&A with Richard Womersley and Linden Petzer, Senior Advisor, ESOA.
Stage 3: **Wi-Fi 6E Demo** (Hosted by Intel)

Presentation, followed by a demo and live Q&A with Bienvenu Agbokponto Soglo, Government and Policy Director – Africa, Intel Corporation and Carlos J. Aguirre, Director of Marketing & Business Development, Wireless Solutions Group, Intel