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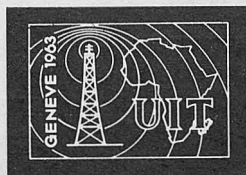
(ITU) للاتصالات الدولي الاتحاد في والمحفوظات المكتبة قسم أجراه الضوئي بالمسح تصوير نتاج (PDF) الإلكترونية النسخة هذه والمحفوظات المكتبة قسم في المتوفرة الوثائق ضمن أصلية ورقية وثيقة من نقلاً.

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AFRICAN BROADCASTING CONFERENCE



The African VHF/UHF Broadcasting Conference convened by the International Telecommunication Union opened at ITU headquarters on Monday, 29 April, 1963. This Conference, which is the first of two on the subject of African broadcasting, has been called to draw up plans for the assignment of frequencies for national broadcasting and television stations in the VHF and UHF bands in the African Region. It is intended to hold a similar conference in 1964 in Spain.

More than eighty delegates from some thirty ITU Member and Associate Member countries in the African Region were present at the opening session.

The United Nations and Unesco have sent observers. The other international organizations represented at the Conference are: the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), International Broadcasting and Television Organization (OIRT), European Broadcasting Union (EBU), Union of African National Sound Broadcasting and Tele-

vision Organizations (URTNA), and African and Malagasy Telecommunication Union (UAMPT).

Election and composition of Committees

The Conference elected as its Chairman Mr. Alpha Diallo, Director General of Information in the Ministry of Information and Telecommunications of the Republic of Guinea, and President of the Union of the African National Sound Broadcasting and Television Organizations. For its Vice-Chairman it chose

Mr. Gabriel Tedros (Ethiopia), the Chairman of the Eighteenth Session of the Administrative Council.

Six Committees were set up: Steering Committee, Credentials Committee, Budget Supervision Committee, Technical Committee, Planning Committee and Drafting Committee.

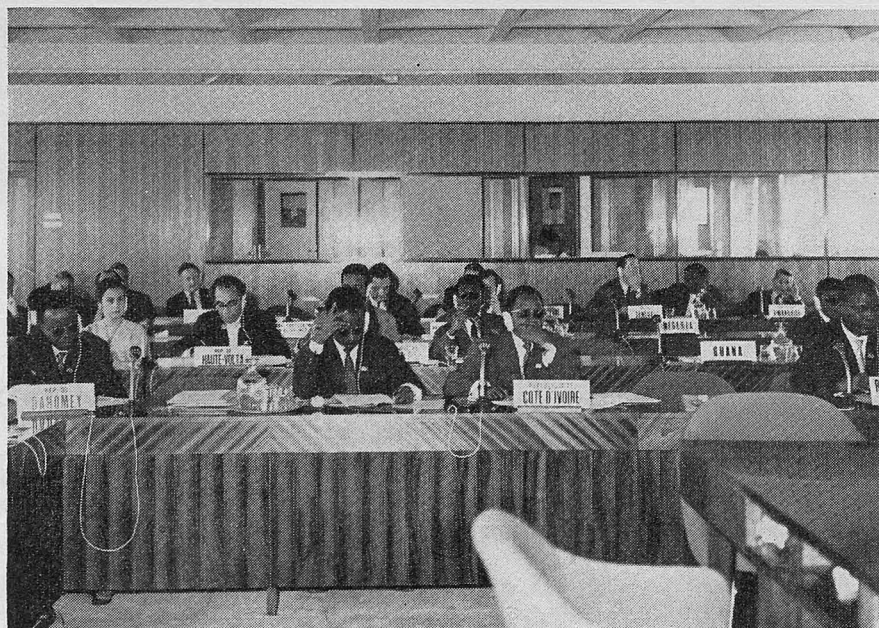
Address of welcome

In his address of welcome to the Conference, the Secretary-General of the ITU, Mr. Gerald C. Gross, said:

"This Conference, which is opening today, is a new and very important departure for our organization with its 98 years of experience in international



Mr. Alpha Diallo



telecommunications. This meeting brings representatives of the Governments of your great continent together outside Africa to discuss measures and, I hope, to adopt decisions which will improve the possibilities of broadcasting for the benefit of all your people." After observing that one of the most significant international developments of the last ten years or so had been the emergence of the nations of Africa into independence, Mr. Gross stressed that the healthy economic and social life of a nation were dependent on effective telecommunications: "Without a satisfactory telecommunication system, industry and commerce have their hands tied; vital public services, such as health and transport cannot function properly; and the dissemination of the spiritual educational and cultural resources of a people can hardly be carried out at all."