



# Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Group on Capacity Building Initiatives (GCBI)

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The main purpose of this meeting is to validate and endorse the list of recommended Centres of Excellence for the new 2015-2018 Cycle. The GCBI took into consideration all factors related to the selection and provided their recommendations regarding the final list of CoEs to be submitted to the Director, BDT.

All regions were represented at the meeting. The Americas region was represented by a nominated official from CITEL who participated in the meeting remotely.

The ITU Human Capacity Building regional coordinators participated in the meeting remotely. The List of participants is attached as Annex 2

The meeting was opened by the Chairman of GCBI, Prof Mellor and Dr Zavazava who welcomed everyone and thanked all GCBI members and regional representatives for coming. The Chairman emphasized that this was to endorse the regional submissions, based on their justifications, and to note the implementation phase which will be the responsibility of the SCs.

## 2. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

It was highlighted that globally, 99 applications were received from all six regions. 96 of these applications were properly endorsed.

Following WTDC-14 11 priority areas were identified. Each Centre could apply for a maximum of 2 areas. Main 3 areas for which the majority of institutions submitted their applications are:

- Policy and Regulations,
- Broadband Access and
- ICT and Applications and Services.

The overview of CoEs selection process and achieved results was presented, highlighting main observations, which are the following:

1. 10 out of 11 priority areas were covered by the regions:
  - Out of these 10 areas Broadband Access is the most covered area. There is at least one institution in every region that will operate in the Broadband Access area.
  - With the exception of the Arab States region, Cybersecurity will be covered by at least one institution in every region.
  - Areas of Policy and Regulation, Spectrum management and ICT Applications and Services are covered in 4 out of 6 regions
2. Although, generally, there is one Center (max two) per particular area in each region, there are some exceptions (e.g. in the Europe region there is a high concentration of Centres in the area of Broadband Access ;)
3. With the benchmark of maximum six Centres per region, two regions (CIS and Europe) have less than six Centres. However, there are regions with an overwhelming number of applications.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS BY REGIONS

Each region made presentations on their recommendations through the respective GCBI members. The presentations were based on the reports submitted by each respective region giving full justification for their selection.

#### 3.1 ARAB STATES REGION

9 institutions applied to become new CoEs.

5 priority areas have not been addressed.

The meeting participants considered the Recommendations on the proposed ITU Centres of Excellence for the Arab Region.

The main points of the discussion are the following:

6 Centres were recommended for the Arab Region. The regional GCBI representatives explained why each particular institution was selected.

There are 3 institutions out of 6 selected that did not score above the cut-off point (CERT, SUDACAD, NTI and TRA). However, the Regional Office has had a positive experience of working with these institutions, and is fully aware of their capabilities to deliver in their respective areas. Further, it was decided to select these institutions in order to support geographical coverage.

### 3.2 ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

12 institutions applied to become new CoEs.

Out of 11 priority areas 4 areas were not covered (institutions did not apply).

Policy and Regulations and Broadband Access are very important areas for the region. Therefore, CoEs were chosen accordingly.

3 factors were considered during the selection process:

- WTDC objectives and regional initiatives
- Geographic diversity
- Sustainability of the future Centres.

Therefore, 6 Centres were selected covering 5 priority areas.

#### **Issues raised:**

- Applicants that are not qualified could join new CoEs as collaborators
- Broadband Access will be covered within areas of Policy and Regulations and Spectrum Management
- No applications were received from Pacific Islands therefore existing CoEs should cover these islands as well

### 3.3 EUROPE REGION

10 institutions have applied to become new CoEs.

Europe recommended 5 CoEs and proposed an allocation of priority as follows:

- FEEIT – Broadband Access
- NIT – Capacity Building in Internet Governance
- ISQ – C&I and e-Waste
- CTU – Cybersecurity
- TUC – Broadband Access

### 3.4 CIS REGION

3 Centres of Excellence were selected for 11 CIS countries

#### **Issues raised:**

- It was proposed to cover same topics by more than one Centre as it was done in other regions (for example the topic of ICT Applications was applied by KSTU and MTUCI)

- To allow to have branch offices for Centres of Excellence. This is due to geographical issue and the sheer size of regions.
- At the operational level it was raised by CIS that due consideration needed to be noted in respect of legal implications of sharing information between institutions

### 3.5 AFRICA REGION

6 CoEs were selected in the Africa Region.

6 areas out of 11 will be covered by new CoEs.

While selecting the new CoEs the following factors were taken into consideration:

- The importance of each priority area for the region
- The geographical distribution and language issue
- Some areas are covered by several Centres because of language constraints (English and French).

The GCBI representatives explained why each particular institution has been selected to become a new CoE recognizing their specific skills sets, knowledge and experience.

### 3.6 AMERICAS REGION

15 institutions applied to become new CoEs.

6 Centres were selected to cover 6 different priority areas.

For 3 areas no applications were received.

#### 4. RECOMMENDATIONS BY GCBI:

The following recommendations were adopted during the meeting:

1. GCBI accepted recommendations of 6 Centres per region.
2. GCBI confirmed that the CoEs proposed by each regional offices be adopted as the institutions to be used during the period 2015-2018.
3. GCBI accepted the presentations on behalf of all regions explaining why the nominated CoEs had been put forward for adoption. This included the proposal by the Arab region regarding nominated CoEs with a successful track record who had not scored above the proposed cut-off level of 70%.
4. The first Steering Committee meetings should decide whether selected CoEs should also cover other topics for which they were not selected (maximum two topics per CoE).
5. Those institutions that were not selected will be considered by each Steering Committee as potential collaborators with the selected CoEs at the regional level.
6. GCBI members with specific language skills agreed to support the CoEs when required (example ARCTEL with African-Portuguese speaking countries) and UKTA in support of AFRALTI.
7. GCBI agreed that where collaborators are introduced by CoEs the responsibility for quality and performance remains with that CoE.

#### 5. FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- The Chairman of GCBI shall submit the final list of recommended Centres of Excellence to the Director, BDT.
- The attached annexes show the selected CoEs for each region.
- Regions are now expected to convene the necessary SC meetings as soon as possible after the announcement of the new Centres, in order for them to determine the operational action plan for the period 2015-2018. Therefore, meetings should be convened between now and Q1 2015.

## ANNEX 1: SELECTED COES FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

| INSTITUTIONS  | PRIORITY AREAS                            |
|---|---|
| TOT Academy - Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT),<br><b>Thailand;</b>  | Policy and Regulation<br>Broadband Access |
| National Information Society Agency (NIA),<br><b>R,O Korea;</b>                                 | Policy and Regulation                     |
| Advanced Level Telecoms Training Centre (ALTTC),<br><b>India;</b>                               | Broadband Access                          |
| The International Multilateral Partnership Against Cyber Threats, (IMPACT),<br><b>Malaysia;</b> | Cybersecurity                             |
| China Academy of Telecommunications Research (MIIT),<br><b>China;</b>                           | Conformance and Interoperability          |
| State Radio Monitoring Centre (SRMC),<br><b>China;</b>  | Spectrum Management                       |

## ANNEX 2: SELECTED COES FOR THE ARAB STATES REGION

| INSTITUTIONS   | PRIORITY AREAS                           |
|--|--|
| Institut National des Postes et Télécommunications (INPT),<br><b>Morocco ;</b>   | Policy and Regulation                    |
| The Center of Information, Training, Documentation, and Studies in Communication Technologies (CIFODE'COM),<br><b>Tunisia;</b> | Broadband Access                         |
| Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche des Télécommunications (CERT),<br><b>Tunisia</b>   | Conformance and Interoperability         |
| National Telecommunication Institute (NTI),<br><b>Egypt</b>  | Spectrum Management                      |
| Sudatel Telecommunications Academy-SUDACAD,<br><b>Sudan</b>  | ICT Applications and Services            |
| Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA),<br><b>Bahrain</b>   | Capacity building in Internet Governance |

### ANNEX 3: SELECTED COES FOR THE CIS REGION

| INSTITUTIONS  | PRIORITY AREAS                                 |
|---|--|
| Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications (ONAT),<br><i>Ukraine</i>                             | Policy and Regulation<br>Digital Broadcasting  |
| Kyrgyz State Technical University (KSTU),<br><i>Kyrgyz Republic</i>                                 | Broadband Access<br>e-Waste                    |
| Moscow Technical University of Communications and Informatics (MTUCI),<br><i>Russian Federation</i> | Cybersecurity<br>ICT Applications and Services |



## ANNEX 4: SELECTED COES FOR THE EUROPE REGION

| INSTITUTIONS  | PRIORITY AREAS                              |
|---|---|
| Czech Technical University in Prague, Faculty of Electrical Engineering (CTU);<br><b>Czech Republic</b>                                   | Cybersecurity                               |
| Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (FEEIT);<br><b>Macedonia</b> | Broadband Access                            |
| National Institute of Telecommunications (NIT);<br><b>Poland</b>  | Capacity building in Internet Governance    |
| Technische Universitat Chemnitz (TUC);<br><b>Germany</b>  | Cybersecurity<br>Broadband Access           |
| Institute for Technology and Quality (ISQ),<br><b>Portugal</b>  | e-Waste<br>Conformance and Interoperability |

## ANNEX 5: SELECTED COES FOR THE AFRICA REGION

| INSTITUTIONS   | PRIORITY AREAS                           |
|--|--|
| Digital Bridge Institute (DBI),<br><b>Nigeria;</b>   | Policy and Regulation                    |
| Ecole Supérieure Multinationale des<br>Télécommunications (E.S.M.T),<br><b>Senegal</b>                                 | Broadband Access<br>Digital Broadcasting |
| Ecole Supérieure Africaine des Technologies de<br>l'Information et de la Communication (ESATIC)<br><b>Ivory Coast;</b> | Cybersecurity                            |
| University of Rwanda, College of Science and<br>Technology (URCST),<br><b>Rwanda;</b>                                  | Cybersecurity                            |
| Centre for Learning, Telkom SA,<br><b>South Africa;</b>  | ICT Applications and Services            |
| African Advanced Level Telecommunications<br>Institute, (AFRALTI),<br><b>Kenya</b>                                     | Broadband Access<br>Spectrum Management  |

## ANNEX 6: SELECTED COES FOR THE AMERICAS REGION

| INSTITUTIONS   | PRIORITY AREAS                                   |
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| Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Capacitación de Telecomunicaciones - Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería (INICTEL UNI),<br><b>Perú;</b>           | Broadband Access                                 |
| Universidad Nacional de la Plata (UNLP),<br>Argentina;   | Cybersecurity                                    |
| Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo en Tecnologías de la Información y las Comunicaciones (CINTEL),<br><b>Colombia;</b>                               | Spectrum Management                              |
| Instituto Nacional de Telecomunicações (INATEL),<br><b>Brazil;</b>   | Digital Broadcasting                             |
| Centro de Capacitación en Alta Tecnología para Latino América y el Caribe (CCAT LAT),<br><b>Argentina;</b>   | ICT Applications and Services                    |
| Centro Internacional de Investigación Científica en Telecomunicaciones, Tecnologías de la información y las comunicaciones (CITIC),<br><b>Ecuador;</b> | ICT and Climate change mitigation and adaptation |

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