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The first-ever ATC Global Annual Meeting strengthened collaboration for high-quality training and capacity development

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Representatives from ITU's flagship Academy Training Centre (ATC) programme gathered for the first-ever ATC Global Annual Meeting held in Geneva from 17-19 October 2023.

It was a unique opportunity for the ATC programme's global education institutions to meet in-person to strengthen collaboration, as well as share best practices and innovative ideas for optimizing course quality and training approaches.

"The ATC Network is one of the first initiatives that I launched in January 2023 to strengthen ITU's capacity and development activities in line with regional needs in response to the mandate given by Member States at the 2022 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC)," said Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director of ITU's Telecommunication Development Bureau. "This initiative plays a key role in addressing the digital skills gap by offering high-quality training programmes to ICT professionals from developing countries. By partnering with the ITU, organizations can enhance their capacity development expertise, expand their reach and help us to achieve meaningful connectivity."

The meeting took stock of the first year of implementation of the programme and helped to identify areas for improvement to better support the work of the ATCs.

Through interactive and hands-on plenary sessions, presentations and small group discussions, participants gained valuable insights and practical strategies to boost the quality of the training courses on the ITU Academy, as well as exchange methodology and delivery of best practices for an optimal learning experience in online instructor-led courses.

The meeting also featured interactive sessions with ITU subject matter experts to discuss areas of priority, resources and training needs, as well as an information session on the ITU Academy's new features and revised guidelines.

Participants also had an opportunity to map concrete steps and commitments to drive future improvements, network for possible joint activities, explore avenues for innovation in curriculum development and enhance the effectiveness of their work.

More about the ATC Network

Launched in January 2023, 14 Centres from around the world were selected to join the ITU Academy Training Centres programme. The full list of ATCs is available [here](#).

The ITU Academy Training Centres are internationally recognized institutions and core capacity development partners of the ITU, offering high-quality training to intermediate and senior personnel, with a focus on the needs of developing countries.

They support ITU's development priorities by strengthening capacities and boosting technical ICT skills and proficiency within their countries.

Training courses are conducted online through the ITU Academy, ITU's e-learning platform, and include topics such as: policy and regulation, network infrastructure, spectrum management, cybersecurity, digital inclusion and digital services.

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