

ITU ASIA-PACIFIC CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

FINAL REPORT
OF THE
3RD STEERING COMMITTEE

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND OPENING

The 3rd ITU Asia Pacific Centres of Excellence (ASP CoE) Steering Committee Meeting was held in Novotel Hotel, Shenzhen, P.R. China, on 7-8 December 2016. The Meeting was organized by the ITU and hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, China. It was attended by 39 delegates including ITU ASP COE Steering Committee Members, Centres, Partners, ITU Members, ITU Secretariat and other agencies. The list of participants is attached to this report (Annex 1).

Ms. Weiling Xu, Director, ITU Working Committee of the MIIT Secretariat welcomed all the delegates to the meeting on behalf of the MIIT.

Mr. Ioane Koroivuki, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific delivered the welcome remarks. On behalf of ITU, Mr. Koroivuki thanked the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, China for hosting the Meeting. He briefed the participants on the ITU Academy (ITU t-4(est)-5()nce tng

to also focus on the Small Island Developing Countries and Least Developed Countries. Mr. Khanna highlighted the key achievements of the ITU ASP CoE during the period under his chairmanship and expressed hope that the program will be scaled up further as the need was much larger. He thanked the ITU ASP CoE stakeholders for their support and China for its leadership, as the new Chairman, to take forward the engagement to new heights addressing regional challenges and needs.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE

Table 1: List of courses developed / being developed by ITU Academy

HOLISTIC TRAINING PROGRAMMES DEVELOPED / UNDER DEVELOPMENT	SHORT COURSES DEVELOPED	EXISTING TRAINING MATERIALS ARE ALSO BEING ALIGNED TO ITU ACADEMY QUALITY STANDARDS
Spectrum Management Training Programme (SMTP)	Smart and sustainable cities	Conformance and Interoperability
Quality of Service Training Programme (QoSTP)	Accessibility	
ICT & Climate Change Training Programme (ICT&CCTP)	IPv6, IPv6 and Internet Infrastructure Security (with APNIC)	
Internet of Things (IoT)	Satellite network registration procedures	
Internet Governance	Strategic cost modelling in a Quadplay environment	
	E-applications strategy development	

h) New partnerships are being developed within and outside the CoEs to deliver these courses and to create new training materials.

i) The ITU Academy platform has been updated with new functionalities like automated invoicing, temporary enrolment, controlled registration, package category course setting, and plagiarism detector.

j) The Global ICT Capacity Building Symposium (CBS-2016) had a session on CoEs that reinforced the fact that the Centres of Excellence philosophy served as a winning multi-stakeholder model for capacity building, and made the following suggestions

- Industry partners offered support and expressed interest in collaborating with the ITU Centres of Excellence. There is a need for alignment of training to industry requirements as it would increase chances of recruitment of graduates from the CoEs by industry.
- The session called for an inclusive approach to capacity building (including for persons with disabilities, youth) and striking a gender balance.
- The Centres of Excellences might be locally based but should expand their scope and provide services globally.

- The CoEs were urged to seek funding support from partners (both Government and industry).
- k) Some of the future activities that requires attention include:
 - The need to review the processes and procedures document in preparation for the next CoE cycle (starting in 2018).
 - The importance to implement the strategy for promotion of CoE activities.
 - The ongoing work to upgrade of the ITU Academy platform to cater for automated group invoices.
 - The move to enhance the registration and payment process within the ITU Academy platform.

4.0 PERFORMANCE OF ITU ASP COE 2016

Mr. Ashish Narayan, ITU, presented the performance of the ASP CoE Network for 2016 (Annex 2). The ITU ASP CoE Coordinator, in addition to the performance report, also shared the strategic areas of long term focus such as the SDGs, the targets included in the ITU Connect 2020 Agenda, ITU-D Programs and Asia-Pacific Regional Initiatives, which the CoEs should keep in mind. The performance report was accepted by the Steering Committee.

5.0 PRESENTATIONS BY CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

The Chairman invited the ITU ASP Centres of Excellence for their presentation. The following presentations were made:

China Academy for Information and Communication Technology (CAICT), ITU

- Organize CoE trainings and implement them effectively, under the assistance and guidance of the ITU Asia and Pacific Regional Office;
- Expand cooperation with partners, and enhance cooperation between CoEs

participants on the experiences of ITU ASP CoE for

Faculty of ICT (Ministry of ICT, I.R. Iran): Mr. Hassan Pashazaeid, Iran, detailed the cooperation with ITU as a previous CoE and a partner in the current CoE. He proposed some topics for partnerships:

- IoT and Smart Cities (3-5 June)
- Future trends and issues of spectrum (Nov)
- 4G/5G, jointly by other CoEs
- C&I, jointly by other CoEs

GSMA: Mr. Austin Menyasz introduced the organisation, its approach, the capacity building program, list of courses available and the partnerships. GSMA expressed interest in partnering with the ITU ASP CoEs.

The ITU introduced the various types of partnerships including cooperation within the CoE. There is a need to create an information document for CoE partnerships including roles and responsibilities. The NBTC supported the partnership framework for CoEs and expressed their support.

The participants including representatives of Members, Centres and Partners held active deliberation on the key issues. After discussion, the decisions of the

	<p>Enhance role of ITU Members in promoting the CoE courses.</p> <p>Share the course with alumni network.</p> <p>Formal invitations to continue with focal points.</p> <p>Request all steering committee members, CoEs and partners to promote all the courses. Identify key stakeholders in the country to send the invitations</p> <p>Enhance Inter-CoE co-operation.</p> <p>Contact industry associations and respective skill building entities, universities and Academia</p> <p>ITU may consider to setup post training communication and development.</p> <p>Develop annual training brochure with all details ahead of time. CoEs to submit training plans to Steering Committee at least 1 month in advance of the SC meeting.</p> <p>A common brochure to be developed immediately after the decision of the steering committee in hard copy and soft copy. ITU Secretariat to provide design.</p> <p>Create a sponsor mechanism for industry partners.</p>
<p>Training fees amount</p>	<p>The Steering Committee approved a ceiling of USD 800 per week as the applicable maximum fees for face to face trainings and USD 100 per person for online trainings.</p>
<p>Decisions between Steering Committee meetings to meet new demand</p>	<p>In order to cater to new demands that arise after the steering committee meeting, new courses can be proposed to Chair with information to Steering Committee Members, in the stipulated areas of respective CoEs, ITU regional office while providing a timeframe of 1 week for any comments that they may have.</p>

In case the CoE wants to change the topic, the information should be provided to the ITU Secretariat at least 6 months in advance with

8.0 EVALUATION GUIDELINES

The following guidelines for evaluation were recommended by the Steering Committee

Current practice for online courses

Quiz: 60%

Chat session: 10%

Discussion Forum: 10%

Assignment: 20%

Eligible criteria for certification --- 60%

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