

2nd Steering Committee Meeting of the ITU Member States.

ITU-D Sector Members

Stakeholders of the Centre of Excellence Network for Africa

Ebène, December 4-6, 2015

Summary Records

- 1- Venue : Business Parks of Mauritius Ltd CyberTower 1, Ebène CyberCity, Ebène, Mauritius
- 2- Agenda : The adopted Agenda is attached as Annex 1.
- 3- Participants: 14 participants from the 7 countries and 3 officials from the ITU attended the meeting. The list of participants is attached as Annex 2. Further to the approval of the members of the Steering Committee, observers were allowed to follow the deliberations.

Session 1 - Official Opening

The first address was delivered by Mr. Teddy Bhular, Emtel's CEO. After welcoming the foreign delegates, the speaker noted that his company has been a

people if they can use it in their best interest. In that perspective, the Centres of Excellences were conceived as a human and institutional capacity building initiative based on public and private partnership.

The second Steering Committee of the Centre of Excellence network in Africa was officially opened by Dr. Subron, Chief Technical Officer at the Ministry of ICT. He observed that the meeting came at the right time, at a moment when the ICT industry is reinventing itself to become the backbone of economic development, whereas the Government in Mauritius has ambitious projects such as smart cities and the 2020 economic agenda. According to the CTO, decision makers will have to make sure that technologies effectively complement each other. Capacity buildi

Ms. Letamo presentation highlighted that on a world-wide scale, 32 Centres of Excellence have been selected but only 26 have signed an agreement with ITU. The remaining six are in Africa (three), Asia-Pacific Region (two) and the Arab world (one). For the African region, the areas of focus for the centres are:

created in 1981 with seven northeastern African founding states and now rallying 19 partnering countries. The centre has a threefold mission: Basic training; Research and expertise; Continued training.

Concerning the offers under the Centre of Excellence partnership, three seminars, out of four initially planned, were held in 2015. Their respective themes were: Digital Terrestrial Television; 4G Mobile networks; Satellite communications for Francophone Africa. They touched 71 participants from 11 countries.

The second CoE's presentation was Dr Raoul Zamblé's from *Ecole supérieure africaine des TIC* (Esatic), in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. The latter was created by the Ivoirian state.

In 2015, it held two CoE training seminars out of three initially planned. They

Day 2

Session 6 – Regional capacity building activities

The results of the Regional Development Forum 2015, held in Dakar, Senegal, on September 9 & 10, 2015, were presented by Mr. Marcelino Tayob.

The RDF provided the platform for members to discuss the progress in the implementation of regional initiatives for Africa agreed upon in the WTDC-14 that focus on the 5 priorities for the African region are : 1) Strengthening human and institutional capacity building ; 2) Strengthening and harmonizing policy and regulatory frameworks; 3) Development of broadband access and adoption of broadband; 4) Spectrum management and transition to digital broadcasting; 5) Building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs.

RDF 2015 was attended by 144 participants, including 109 foreigners (76%) from 19 countries.

Among the main conclusions and recommendations, members were invited to

guidance based on the processes and procedures document, the committee reiterated the following guidelines:

The Centres of Excellence form an integral part of the steering committee, CoE s should stay within their field of excellence and strive to reach the highest possible competence in that field.

5. Where fees have been collected by CoE s the CoE should remit the to ITU and retain 75%.
6. ITU should consider supporting the CoE s through undertaking a training needs assessment for the Africa market.
7. Review of the revenue model to allow CoE to collect the fees.
8. Consider the provision that payments should be done after training.

Actions

1. Review the processes and procedures document to ensure that the membership of CoE s in the Steering committee is clearly captured
2. The role of the Chair to be clearly defined
3. Provide a list of experts in Cyber security to ESATIC
4. The CoE s in Africa to draft a letter to ITU requesting for consideration for Member states to reserve a percentage of their Universal Service Funds for capacity building through the ITU CoE project.
5. CoE s to craft the Mission, Vision and Core Values (DBI to lead, and ITU to provide communities function in the ITU Academy platform)
6. ITU to make an intervention on behalf of the CoE for possible partnership with CISCO, ORACLE and AFRINIC
7. ITU to include the link to the CoE s websites in the ITU Academy platform

Vote of thanks

ESATIC on behalf of the participants thanked the Government of Mauritius for their hospitality and for the good work that they did in chairing the proceedings of the meeting. He thanked EMTEL and all involved in the planning and making this event a successful event.



Annex 1
2nd Steering Committee Meeting of the Centres of
Excellence Network for Africa



Mauritius

2 – 4 December 2015

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, 2 December Morning	TIME	Session 1 - Opening
	9:00 – 10:00	Registration and Welcoming Address from Mauritius authorities Welcome remarks by CEO of EMTEL: Mr Teddy Bhular Welcome remarks by the Chairman of the Steering Committee (Telkom SA SOC) Opening remarks by representative of the ITU (M. Tayob) Official Opening speech by Hon. Sudarshan Bhadain, Minister of Technology, Communications and Innovation
	10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break and group photo
	10:30 – 11:00	Session 2 – Working procedures Approval of the Agenda and Working Time (Outgoing Chair -Telkom) Election of the Chairman of the Steering Committee (Secretariat - ITU) Report of the Outgoing Chairman of the Steering Committee (Telkom)
	11:00 – 12:30	Session 3 – Implementation of the New COE Strategy Information on implementation of the new CoE strategy (ITU - Halima Letamo) Developments on the ITU Academy (ITU - Halima Letamo)
	12:30 – 14:00	Lunch 12:30 – 14:00
Afternoon	14:00 – 15:30	Session 4 – COE Activities in 2015 Review of the decisions and recommendations of the first steering committee. (New Chairperson – Co Chaired by EMTEL and ICT Academy) CoEs reports and contributions to the implementation of 2015 Actions Plan (CoEs)
	15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
	16 :00 – 17 :00	Session 5 – COE Activities in 2015

CoEs reports and contributions to the implementation of 2015 Actions Plan
(Continuation)

Thursday,
3 December

TIME

Session 6 – Regional Capacity Building Activities

Morning

09:00 – 10:00

Presentation of the results of RDF Africa Meetings held in Dakar from September 7 to 9, 2015 : lessons to learn for CoE for future regional initiatives (ITU - M. Tayob)

Presentation of

Drawing up the Operational Plan and financial budget for 2016 (CoEs)

15:30 – 16h00

Coffee break

16:00 – 17:00

Session 10 - Conclusions and Recommendations for 2016

Creation of synergy between nodes training programs for network

- Adoption of the final training programme
- Adoption of the draft report and recommendations of the Steering committee
- Date and place of the next meeting of the project of Centres of Excellence for Africa
- Any other business
- Approval of recommendations

Friday,
4 December
Morning

TIME

Session 11 Partnerships- Support to the CoE Strategy

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