

9TH MEETING OF THE GROUP ON CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES (GCBI)

20-21 May 2021

CHAIR'S SUMMARY

The Group on Capacity Building Initiatives (GCBI) held its 9th meeting from 20 to 21 May 2021. The meeting was held virtually.

The meeting was attended by all members of the GCBI except Majid Al Madhloum. Ms Moaza Alshukairi attended as an observer. Ms Gladys Ogallo and Mr. Aziz Awang excused themselves for the second day.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Lidia Witasia, Deputy Director, Department of Foreign Affairs, Office of Electronic Communications (UKE), Chair of GCBI.

The meeting began with opening remarks provided by Ms. Salya Abdullah, acting Chief, Digital Knowledge Hub Department at ITU on behalf of Ms. Doreen Bogdan, Director, ITU. The remarks emphasized the importance of digital skills to keep up with technological developments.

10. GCBI members commended the final report of the feasibility study to establish an ITU institute for its level of depth and thoroughness and number of recommendations provided. They noted that not all GCBI members were consulted as part of the study. They considered several of the short-term recommendations as useful and pointed out that further discussions will be required. They observed the significant improvements made and high quality of the ITU Academy platform. They expressed interest in staying involved in the discussions on the implementation of the recommendations.
11. GCBI members proposed that a strategic review of the CoE programme