AFRALTI CoE PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT CAPACITY BUILDING IN THE REGION

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BACKGROUND

- The African advanced level Telecommunications institute (AFRALTI) is an Intergovernmental institution that started as an UNDP funded project executed by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in 1987.

- The mandate of AFRALTI was to develop and conduct advanced level telecommunication training for English speaking countries in East and Southern Africa.

- Its mandate remains the development of human capacity building in the area of ICT.

AFRALTIs' ROLE

- AFRALTI and its partners in particular the ITU has continued to provide capacity building programs successfully for the region in the various target markets.

- Since inception ,AFRALTI has trained over 5000 personnel for the ICT sector in Africa.

- AFRALTI has conducted over 300 training courses in the last 5 years.

- Courses have been delivered in more than 15 countries, including the Netherlands and Iran.

THE NEED FOR CAPACITY BUILDING

- The greatest challenge facing players in the ICT market remains the need to keep up with the pace of change in a dynamic industry.

- Some of the drivers of change in the ICT industry include technology change, competition, globalization and changing consumer needs .

- Hence they need to acquire new knowledge almost real time so as to meet the challenges and remain viable in a market that changes so fast.

TARGET MARKETS

- ICT Policy makers

- ICT operators and service providers

- ICT Regulators

PROGRAMS

- The courses we offer are broad based so as to to address the needs of our target markets. They include courses in the following areas:

  - Telecommunication engineering
  - Telecommunication management
  - Policy and regulation
  - Information Technology

ITU CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE(CoE)

- Through the ITU CoE initiative ,AFRALTI was able to deliver high profile programs in Telecommunications management, engineering and regulation.

- Various executives in government, regulatory bodies and operators from the region were trained under this initiative.

- AFRALTI has now entered the second phase of the ITU CoE projects.

CoE PROGRAMS

- The aim of the second phase of the project is to establish a sustainable network of selected training and educational institutions that can provide high level training designed for policy makers, regulators and senior managers of ICT operators and service providers .

- Some of the programs that AFRALTI and its partners will continue to offer under the second phase of the ITU CoE project include:
    - Policy and regulation
    - Business and Management
    - New technologies and service
    - Universal access and Rural ICT development
    - Cost modelling development for NRAs July 6-10 2009 in Lesotho and you can register now.

CONCLUSION

- AFRALTI and its partners and particularly the ITU will continue to provide capacity building programs to the ICT sector in Africa so that they can meet the challenges facing them.

- We do recognise that various stakeholders including private sectors partners have something to offer the sector.

- It is therefore imperative that we collaborate with all stakeholders in fulfilling this noble role of capacity building for the ICT sector in Africa.

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