Interactive Session

2 Groups

- Each group assign:
  - Secretary to make notes
  - Spokesperson (to make presentation at feedback session Friday morning)

- Objective is to come up with an ACTION PLAN!

4 main areas for discussion

- ITU Pillars:
    1) Conformity Assessment
    2) Interoperability
    3) Capacity Building
    4) Assistance for the creation of Test Centres

For each topic

- For the establishment of national C&I Infrastructure
    – What are the main obstacles that need to be overcome?
    – What *strategies/actions* are needed LOCALLY and/or REGIONALLY?
    – What *strategies/actions/assistance* are needed from international organizations?
    – Any other considerations?

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Feedback session

- Each group to prepare SHORT (15 minute presentation for afternoon session)
- Use following template………

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From the group
"on the right side"

1) Conformity Assessment

- Main obstacles to be overcome
  - Government´s commitment / political will
  - Lack of Regulatory Framework with Lack of clear and unambiguous national standards
  - Need to establish a minimum technical requirements
  - Lack of national Conformity Assessment schemes, national bodies and Expertise
  - Availability of test suites (e.g. new tech)
- LOCAL or REGIONAL strategies/actions needed?
  - Encourage participation and discussion of Govs in CA meetings
  - Create Vendors/Regulators/labs/operators/conf & accred´n bodies/standard bodies/end-users discussion forums
  - Govs to consult stakeholders in the establishment of nat´l CA schemes and establish milestones and time schedule
  - Share experiences in the region on best practices
- Strategies/actions/assistance from international organizations?
  - Supply expertise / capacity building
  - Promote knowledge of CA approaches from different vendors
  - Suggest minimum technical requirements when studying standards
  - Assist in the establishment of national CA schemes
  - Continue holding C&I events in the regions
- Any other considerations?
  - Any CA scheme to be based on real needs of a country and be a "live" approach, stable enough for vendors/users interests and in the framework of international common understanding
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2) Interoperability

- Main obstacles to be overcome
  - Bureaucracy in national organization
  - Regulatory framework
  - Costs and complexity of testing in presence of very different network scenarios/configurations
  - Evolution of technology vs legacy in a regulatory environment
- LOCAL or REGIONAL strategies/actions needed?
  - Regulatory decisions compatible with evolution of technology
  - Compatible regulatory decisions within a region to minimize interoperability problems
  - Establishment of Regional Interoperability Forums (RIF)
- Strategies/actions/assistance from international organizations?
  - Supply expertise / capacity building
  - Suggest minimum technical requirements aimed at interoperability
  - Assist in the establishment of the RIF
  - Continue holding C&I events in the regions
  - Minimize technology options when studying standards for same purpose
- Any other considerations?
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3) Capacity Building

- Main obstacles to be overcome
  - Availability of local experts
  - Costs => logistics & duration & hosts
  - Availability of infrastructures/resources for "practical" training
  - Definition of the scope => conformity assessment (tech and testing)
  - Weakness of local Conformity Assessment "culture" infrastructures (labs, CABs, NABs, Metrology / Calibration institutions
- LOCAL or REGIONAL strategies/actions needed?
  - Participation in national / international technical committees
  - Academia courses on standards and CA w/stakeholders
  - Coordination of regional events on CA
  - Courses made by vendors included in Supply Contracts
- Strategies/actions/assistance from international organizations?
  - Assist the regions in holding CA regional events
  - Promote Public-Private partnership
  - Encourage long-term funding
  - Ensure continuous learning strategies
  - E-learning packages
- Any other considerations?

4) Assistance for the creation of Test Centres

- Main obstacles to be overcome
  - Lack of information on regional existing facilities
  - Financial viability
  - Political will
  - Acceptance of test results from other countries/labs
- LOCAL or REGIONAL strategies/actions needed?
  - Build-up on existing infrastructures
  - Need of regional agreements
  - Creation of regional test centers
  - Business Plan / Promotion / Marketing / choice of technologies
- Strategies/actions/assistance from international organizations?
  - Assisting in the implementation of existing guidelines
  - Continue procuring MRAs
- Any other considerations?
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