INTERNATIONAL STANDARIDZATION
TUTORIAL

STUDY PERIOD 2010-2013   **English only**
                                           Original: English

SPECIAL STUDY GROUP G – CONTRIBUTION 16

Source: New Zealand

Title: Support decentralization of GTO, but with flexibility

ABSTRACT
Considering GTO as the "global entity" and headquarted in Geneva, with a responsibility to interact and support all its members. Based on the varying membership and locations of majority of its members, it is considered to decentralize operations to better serve the needs – but with flexibility.

Introduction

To consider the decentralization of the GTO closer to its members globally, providing benefits to its members. The issues involved are discussed below.

Discussion.

Locations- the decentralization locations to be in countries:
- Where established ICT organisations exist, e.g. APT
- Where the ICT infrastructure is well established
- Also where members from nearby developing countries can travel to
- Easily accessible by airline, e.g. Fiji for the South Pacific and Auckland in NZ.

Resources – the following should be considered:
- Availability of skilled people
- Availability of meeting facilities for conferences and accommodation
- Reliable infrastructure – power, transportation other safety issues

ICT facilities – for operational needs
- Availability of reliable broadband services
- Telephone, mobile and other online services

Considering the above basic requirements, the decentralized offices can be distributed throughout the world including developing countries. This however is to be done with much *flexibility* to ensure:
- That there is a calendar of meets where many of these decentralized members can meet in a particular country and this could be rotated.
- To promote personal contacts through meetings, in person, on-line, rather than be isolated to local country.
- To promote use of technology – for effective meetings.

- However the decentralization should not prevent members from participating in any critical conference or event at the Geneva, HQ, should the member wish to attend.

- Also noting that Geneva, is quite an expensive location and high cost of airfares often keeps members away from meetings, therefore major events held in central Asia in more attractive to the South Pacific members and bringing it to New Zealand would be much better. As the technology pace of development -is similar and cultural style is mutual , so meetings are more fruitful in certain ways.

- Some of the advantages to the community (ICT operators, universities- increasing the awareness of its roles, easier access to publications.

- May consider strengthening some of the existing organisations such as PITA.

Conclusion

Considering the need to bridge the gap between many of its members, it's supported to decentralize the operations of the GTO but with some flexibility.

_____