



6th Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers (CRO) Meeting

Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, 11 May 2016



Overview of the Work of CRO (2015 – 2016)

- **Clear mission:** *To contribute to the enhancement of CRO as a platform that helps identify regulatory areas of global industry interest, to help foster co-operation between the public and the private sector, toward achieving the common goal of enabling socio-economic growth*
- **Precise objectives:**
 1. **Secure confidence** of the private sector and encourage representation from all segments
 2. **Raise dialogue** and serve as a problem-solving and brainstorming entity for the ICT industry
 3. **Serve as a tool** to better define and reach consensus on contentious industry issues and emerging challenges.
 4. **Promote** ICT development and digitization, and encourage investment in-flow
 5. **Facilitate** the fulfillment of ITU-D's mission.
 6. **Gain** an industry-wide standing as an output-oriented intellectual forum

Overview of the Work of CRO (2015 – 2016)

- **We defined our mechanisms for achieving our objectives:**
 - Meeting more regularly *(3 meetings held so far; on schedule)*
 - Fostering more dialogue with the aim of reaching consensus among the CRO participants *(increasing number of participants willing to participate in CRO)*
 - Align the CRO agenda with that of regulators and policy makers in order to be better heard by them through GSR *(important areas discussed and items specified)*

Progress Update

- CRO as Agenda Driver: Partnership platform between regulators and private sector
 - ❑ All efforts to-date have been focused on advocating the need for *(1) Achieving the Optimal Regulatory Environment and (2) Promoting Market Access and Infrastructure*
 - ❑ Private-sector representatives are now better equipped to communicate among themselves to help address these priorities
 - ❑ Since the retention of the two output statements of the CRO, we succeeded in principally bringing the several regulators to be actively engaged with us

Progress Update

- CRO Outcomes Advocacy: Pilot projects for shaping collaborative regulations with selected countries
 - ▣ **Regulatory authorities that have expressed willingness to work with CRO on pilot projects demanded of CRO to submit specific action plans, defining the scope and scale of regulators' engagement with CRO**
 - ▣ **Call for specific proposals and action plans was launched within the CRO in March 2016, to help point out prospective areas of potential engagement among the public and private sector stakeholders to create **benchmarks****

Progress Update

- **CRO Chairman suggested to CRO Taskforce possible areas of collaboration with regulatory authorities, in line with the two output statements, including:**
 - **For *Achieving the Optimal Regulatory Environment***

Suggested actionable items: Align actual market needs with the scale and scope of regulations; Eliminate regulations that impede sustainability and digital service adoption, Revise all regulatory frameworks and adopt best-practice approaches; Improve cooperation between telecom and financial regulators
 - **For *Promoting Market Access and Infrastructure***

Suggested actionable items: Set measurable ICT policies; Provide business incentives that offer both near and far-term business visibility; Revise taxation policies; Understand trends in the global market
- **Only one response/proposal from within the CRO Taskforce was received**

Future Work

- ▣ **Receive suggestions and specific action plans from CRO taskforce**
- ▣ **Communicate with the aforementioned regulatory authorities**
- ▣ **Develop an implementation strategy for each relevant collaborated regulatory initiative, specific to each willing regulator**
- ▣ **Aim to set diverse collaborated regulatory initiatives**
- ▣ **Set measureable targets and deadlines for each initiative through mutual understanding**
- ▣ **Report results in the next CRO Meeting**

ICT Regulatory Outlook Report

- **Access ICT Regulatory Tracker**
 - ▣ Comprehensive Quantitative Data on Policy and Regulatory Changes in Telecommunications/ICT Framework

- **Selection of Insights From Renowned Experts**
 - ▣ views from International Practitioners, Experts from Government, Industry, Civil Society and Academia

Looking forward to your contributions

Academia-Industry Partnerships

- ICTs For Sustainable Development Goals
 - ▣ Help achieve SDG through partnerships between the Industry and Academia
- Conduct Joint Impact Study in Telecommunications/ICTs Ecosystem
- Contribute to socio-economic growth, creating new value and employment opportunities



Partner For a Better Future

Enhancing Private Sector Engagement in ITU-D: TDAG conclusions

- Recognizing the critical role played by the private sector in ICTs, TDAG expressed its appreciation for BDT's work in **encouraging the involvement and participation of the private sector** in ITU-D initiatives, projects and activities at regional as well as at global level.
- TDAG also noted actions as well as products and services developed by the BDT to encourage partnerships and to enhance resource mobilization.
- TDAG highlighted the importance of telecommunications/ICTs for global development and underlined **the role of the private sector in leading this effort**, making collaboration with BDT's even more important. TDAG commended the work of BDT and underlined that further engagement with the private sector could only benefit both parties.
- The **private sector is also encouraged to share information, experience and expertise with study groups.**
- BDT will also continue its work on innovation jointly with the **private sector** and Member States.
=> private sector is a driver for innovation within ITU-D



THANK YOU!