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| REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP ONCAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES (GCBI) TO TDAG |
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| **Summary:**This document covers the work undertaken by the Group on Capacity Building Initiatives (GCBI) in providing guidance and support to ITU capacity building activities. The group was established pursuant to Resolution 40 which was adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2010 (WTDC-10), and revised at WTDC-17, to advise the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) on matters related to capacity building.**Action required:**TDAG is invited to note this report and provide guidance as deemed appropriate.**References:**WTDC Resolution 40 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017), on the Group on Capacity Building InitiativesWTDC-14 Resolution 73 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017), on ITU Centres of ExcellencePP Resolution 169 (Rev. Busan, 2014) on admission of Academia to participate in the work of the ITU |

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During its 5th meeting on 8-9 February 2017, the group discussed recent activities carried out by ITU/BDT in the area of capacity building and provided advice on the way forward. Follow-up activities by BDT include the following:

* Global ICT Capacity Building Symposium (CBS): preparations are under way for CBS-18, which will be held on 18-20 June 2018 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
* New areas of capacity building: BDT is constantly engaging with different partners in developing and delivering training in new and emerging topics. See <https://academy.itu.int>
* Centers of Excellence: preparations for the selection of the new CoEs for the next cycle (2019-22) are under way.
* Partnership and cooperation with academic institutions: the ITU-Academia Partnership Meeting was successfully held in September 2017 in Budapest, Hungary.

**WTDC-17 and revision of Resolution 40**

At WTDC-17, Resolution 40 (on GCBI) was subject to revisions, with the following modifications agreed:

* Adding a link to UNGA Resolution 70/125 on the outcomes of WSIS
* Strengthening of the human skill development aspect in the work of BDT
* Linking the capacity building work of BDT to the adopted Regional Initiatives
* GCBI to assist in the review of the results of the CoE programme

**6th GCBI meeting**

The 6th meeting of GCBI will take place on 27-28 February 2018. The main agenda item will be the review of the CoE operations and the selection of the new CoEs for the next cycle 2019-2022 as well as the outcomes of WTDC-17 with respect to future capacity building actvities.

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