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| Implementing ITU Resolutions to support cyber security:  Proposal for a mapping exercise | |
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| **Summary:**  In a number of WTDC, WTSA and PP Resolutions, Member States have agreed initiatives and areas where the BDT can help to build confidence and security in the use of ICTs. We would like Member States to have a clearer picture of how these are being implemented by the BDT, and where its priorities and strengths lie.  We propose that the BDT should carry out a short mapping exercise that would identify existing and planned capacity-building activities, including resources allocated and contributions by the Regional Offices, and map these to the initiatives set out in the ITU’s cyber-related Resolutions.  **Action required:**  TDAG is invited to consider and agree this proposal.  **References:**  PP Resolution 130  WTDC Resolution 45  WTDC Resolution 64  WTDC Resolution 67  WTDC Resolution 69 | |

1. **Introduction**

ITU Resolutions identify many helpful areas for cyber capacity building. In 2022, these was expanded further, to include new areas such as addressing skills shortages through improving career pathways into cybersecurity and identifying best practice for the development of qualifications in this field.

We support ITU efforts to assist countries that require support in tackling their cybersecurity challenges. A number of countries and partners have provided funding and worked in partnership with ITU-D on projects to support these efforts.

A challenge for current and potential partners is that the picture of the BDT’s activities in the area of cybersecurity is not totally clear, which makes it difficult to assess what progress has been made and where Member States and other partners can focus their assistance. It would be particularly helpful to understand the ITU Regional Offices’ activities better and how their work is coordinated with activities undertaken by the BDT.

A short mapping exercise would help us to identify the activities in which the BDT and Regional Offices have invested most heavily, and to use this information to consider new partnerships that could ultimately support the implementation of ITU Resolutions.

This request is in line with PP Resolution 130, which commits to “*continue to review the results of work done so far to support developing countries in particular to build capacity and skills in cybersecurity in order to ensure that ITU is effectively focusing its resources to address development challenges*.”

1. **Proposal**

We propose the BDT should undertake a short mapping exercise to identify (i) all relevant capacity-building activities under the cyber-related resolutions since WTDC 2017 and (ii) all planned activity until WTDC 2025. We propose that a report should be presented to the next meeting of TDAG. We would ask the Secretariat to consider how best to present the information, but a possible approach is set out below in Figure 1.

**Figure 1**

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| **Resolution reference** | **Activity theme** | **Activity** | **Beneficiary country /countries** | **Implementor(s)[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **Expenditure[[2]](#footnote-2)** | **Main outputs + envisaged outcomes** |
| e.g., Resolution 130 (rev, 2022) [quote clause], Resolution 73 (rev, Kigali 2022) [quote clause] | e.g., cyber skills development | e.g., the ITU Academy Training Centres (ATC) programme | e.g., [origin country of beneficiaries] |  |  | * e.g., As of MM YYYY, [no.] participants from [country] have received training ([no.] from the Ministry of X, [no.] from X Association) * e.g., [etc.] |

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1. If ITU, please stipulate if central secretariat or a regional office (if a regional office, please stipulate which one). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Please illustrate expenditure by funder (if a multi partner-funded project). Please indicate real (if project complete) and/or estimated expenditure (if project is ongoing or planned). Please also indicate staff vs non-staff costs, and expenditure by accounting period. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)