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| COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION  Update on the ITU Child Online Protection (COP) Initiative  In line with Res. 179 (Rev. Busan, 2014), ITU is continuing its COP activities worldwide together with the partners of the COP Initiative.   1. In June 2017, ITU together with UNICEF organized a thematic workshop entitled From Child Online Safety to Digital Inclusion: The Role of Global Multistakeholder Partnerships. The session discussed the inseparability of child online and offline protection issues while considering the extent of harm it brings to the child. It also highlighted the need to include children in the decision making agenda and important common agreed terminology to identify gaps and action measures. 2. ITU also participated to the seventh Regional Consultation and Third Policy Dialogue of Child Helplines in Europe. The need to have a regional and harmonized number for child helplines was expressed by several members and more action from policy makers and regional institutions was encouraged. 3. In October 2017, ITU signed an MoU with Scholas Occurrentes (http://web.scholasoccurrentes.org/es/) . One of the areas of cooperation included in this agreement is to “exchange, share information and raise awareness regarding the Signatories’ respective initiatives on child online protection and cyberbullying.” 4. ITU recently participated to the Aqdar World Summit hosted in Abu Dhabi, UAE, on 21-23 November 2017. The meeting discussed several issues related to the role of moral education in academic institutions regionally and internationally to combat global challenges. ITU presented the work of the CWG COP and the need to educate young children to use technologies in a safe and responsible manner. 5. ITU participated in the meeting entitled Empowering Children in a Digital Age on 14 November 2017 in Washington, D.C., which was co-hosted by UNICEF, GSMA and Microsoft. It sought to answer the question of how to safely empower children online and presented tools and resources that have been developed to do that. Several companies shared their good practices towards this end. UNICEF has shifted its narrative on children and the digital world from child protection towards safe child empowerment. 6. ITU is currently working with ASEAN Member States on developing a regional framework for COP. In addition, during the ASEAN TELMIN which was recently held in Cambodia, the ASEAN countries adopted an outcome document which states the need to work on Child Online Protection. 7. On 23-24 November 2017, ITU contributed to a National COP Summit in Philippines. On 5-6 December 2017, ITU also contributed to Child Online Protection in ASEAN Seminar which was organized by MCMC Malaysia. ITU will continue working with the ASEAN Member States and ASEAN Secretariat and assisting in national COP policy development. An ASEAN Regional Workshop on COP is expected to be held in June 2018 in Thailand. 8. Furthermore, from 17-21 December 2017, ITU in collaboration with the Information Technology Institute (ITI) is organizing the Train of Trainers workshop for establishing localized challenge based training curriculum in Cybersecurity for Teens in the Arab region. The event will be hosted by the ITI Premises in Cairo, Egypt. The objective is to train Arab professionals on the ITI curriculum that is designed based on STEAM inspiring initiative and SAMR methodology to enthuse and engage young students in ICT technology through challenge based activities. | |
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