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| Proposal by the People's Republic of China | |
| Recommendations on strengthening the ITU capacity building initiative | |

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| Summary  This document presents further recommendations on the future work, taking into account various activities undertaken by ITU in capacity building, the aim of which is to: 1) provide clear guidance to the stakeholders that committed to actively contributing to the activities of ITU in capacity building through reviewing and summarizing various activities undertaken by ITU in the field of capacity building; 2) clearly define the functions of and priorities of various training programmes; 3) promote resource sharing among existing and potential training institutions through ITU playing its coordinating role.  Action required  The Council is invited to consider the proposal and take actions, as appropriate.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  *ITU CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME: STRATEGIC REVIEW 2021 AND RECOMMENDATIONS* |

Introduction

Capacity building is an important function and mission of ITU, especially of ITU-D, and many activities have been carried out in this field that have effectively enhanced the development level of telecommunications and human capacity in the developing countries. Resolution 40, Initiative on Capacity Building, and Resolution 73, ITU Centres of Excellence of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, provide effective guidance for ITU in conducting capacity-building activities.

It is noted that the Digital Transformation Centres project (DTC) has been implemented by ITU in the field of capacity building since 2019. ITU Council proposed, during its virtual consultation in 2021, to establish the ITU training institute and presented a feasibility study report. In addition, ITU-D conducted a review and assessment of the ITU Centres of Excellence programme during the 2018-2022 cycle and put forward recommendations on operation during the next cycle in a bid to reshape the brand of Centres of Excellence.

Proposal

Considering the important role of capacity building in various developing countries and the effective work done by ITU in this aspect, we propose to:

1 comprehensively review and summarize various activities that have been undertaken by ITU related to capacity building so as to provide clear guidance to the stakeholders committed to earnestly contributing to the ITU capacity-building efforts, including the Centres of Excellence programme, Digital Transformation Centres and training activities through partnerships developed at regional and ITU level and in the form of ITU-D project cooperation;

2 clearly define the functions and priorities of various training programmes so as to optimize the training resources and avoid overlapping and competition. Uniform standards and procedures shall be applied to evaluation and selection when there is no obvious difference in priorities between programmes;

3 promote the resource sharing of tutors and courseware among existing and potential training institutions through ITU playing its role of coordination. In addition, it is proposed that ITU shall increase its participation in the training courses offered by various other institutions so as to enhance the visibility of the efforts of ITU in relevant technology and standards fields.

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