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ABSTRACT

This contribution proposes the decentralization of the GTO operational locations to combine with the e-meetings for lower cost of meetings..

Introduction

Since majority of GTO members are far from Europe area and Geneva is such a high-cost living city, the operational cost including (meeting organizing, labor resource...) for GTO in Geneva will cost much higher compared to other locations. Decentrilization of GTO operational locations would better meet the membership's need and attract more participants from different regions. Besides, e-meetings can be held in serveral operational locations for better deal with the time-zone problem.

Discussion

The GTO operational locations can be placed in some regions as Asia Pacific, Africa, America. GTO could partner with regional telecommunication organizations such as APT (Asia Pacific), ATU (Africa) and CITELE (Americas) to support decentralized operations. The operational locations should have full characteristics as raised in the request and also should be equipped with e-meeting rooms so that a meeting can be joined by direct participants and online participants.

Based on the participants of each meeting, the board will chose which operational location to be the host for the meeting. For example, if the majority of participants of a meeting comes from Asia Pacific region, then the meeting should be organized at the decentralized location in Asia Pacific region.

The meeting should be held at the operational region concurrently with e-meeting. Since the time difference in a region is not a burden, the participants from Member States in that region can chose to join the e-meeting. This working method can help to reduce the travelling cost of a majority of participants.

Conclusion

Decentralization of GTO combined with e-meeting will help GTO to serve its Member States better and efficiently. The operational cost will be reduced but the participants could be increased. Developing countries may be benefit more from this working method.