ITU Annual Regional Human Capacity Building Workshop on “Strengthening Capacities in Internet Governance in Africa”
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Session 1: Setting the Scene

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Outline

- ITU capacity building activities – mandate and overview
  - Internet governance
- Objectives of this workshop
- Workshop approach and methodology
Our mandate: WTDC-17 and capacity building

- ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) 2017
- ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan and ITU-D Action Plan for the next 4 years were adopted
  - Include capacity building as a major objective/outcome
- Regional Initiatives were agreed (all have capacity building elements) (5 in each region)
- **Strong mandate on capacity building and skills development**
ITU capacity building and skills development

Main capacity building activities

- Development of training materials/curriculum
- Delivery of training (certified) and workshops
- Engaging in partnerships for capacity development
- Knowledge sharing and exchange
- Researching capacity building and skills development in the digital era
ITU capacity building and skills development: topics

- Spectrum management
- ICT applications & services
- Cybersecurity
- Conformance & interoperability
- Internet governance
- ICT policy & regulation
- E-waste
- IoT
- Broadband access
- Quality of Service
- ICT and climate change
- Digital broadcasting
Delivery of training

Main delivery entities:

- 32 Centers of Excellence
- Partners (academic institutions, private companies, specialized training institutes)
- ITU

Main delivery channels:

- ITU Academy platform
- Face-to-face trainings and capacity building workshops
Capacity building through partnerships

- Governments
- Private sector
- Academic institutions
- Centers of Excellence
- International and regional organizations
The ITU Academy is ITU’s platform for training and capacity development activities.

The ITU Academy offers a growing number of courses related to ICT, ranging from broadband access, spectrum management and IoT to cybersecurity, Internet governance and digital services.

Courses are delivered in several modalities: face-to-face, online and blended.

With over 10’000 users from over 130 countries, the ITU Academy equips participants with relevant skills in the digital world.

ITU Academy services are constantly expanding, new knowledge resources and training activities are regularly added.

ITU Academy participants come from various sectors:
- Government
- Academic institutions
- Private sector

Visit the ITU Academy training catalogue: https://academy.itu.int
Centres of Excellence (CoE) programme

- Launched in 2001 to strengthen capacity building in the field of telecoms/ICTs
- Operates under the umbrella of the ITU Academy and is a key training delivery mechanism
- CoEs deliver face-to-face and e-learning training to ICT professionals and executives in the public and private spheres
- A new strategy was put in place to align training to the priorities of the ITU membership, for cycle 2015 - 2018
- Next cycle: 2019 – 2022 (linked to WTDC outcomes)
Centres of Excellence (CoE) network
32 CoEs in six regions (2015-2018 cycle)

Next CoE cycle:
2019-2022
(deadline for applications was 15 August 2018)
**CoE priority areas for the 2019-2022 cycle**

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Development of curriculum

- Standardized training materials in priority areas as defined by ITU membership
- Training materials of the highest level and quality; materials undergo thorough peer review
- Up to date - using the expertise from membership and academia

Training programmes developed/under development

- Complete and available
- Complete and available soon
- In progress
WTDC 2017, Buenos Aires Action Plan

- **Objective 3 Outcome 3.3**: Improved human and institutional capacity of the ITU membership to tap into the full potential of telecommunication/ICT.
  - **Output 3.3**: Products and services on capacity building and human skills development, including those on international Internet governance, such as online platforms, distance and face-to-face training programmes to enhance practical skills and shared material, taking into account partnerships with telecommunication/ICT education stakeholders.
Provides a comprehensive overview of the core topics related to Internet governance

Assesses a large number of existing capacity development programmes at global and regional levels

Identifies gaps that need to be addressed in future work and makes recommendations to ITU and other stakeholders

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Internet governance capacity building actors

- Technical community
- Academic institutions
- Civil society
- Private sector
- International organisations
The 7 baskets of Internet governance

- Infrastructure
- Security
- Human rights
- Legal issues
- Economic issues
- Sociocultural aspects
- Development issues
Internet governance capacity building activities

- Delivery of technical trainings through CoEs
- Organizing sessions at the IGFs (2017, 2018)
- Development and delivery of IG capacity building workshops at regional levels, in close collaboration with other stakeholders
  - Americas: Brasilia, Brazil (August 2017)
  - Africa: Abuja, Nigeria (August 2018)
  - Other regions (2019)
- ITU Academy website: dedicated page with resources and links to partners
Objectives of this workshop

- This workshop combines the Annual HCB Workshop organized in the Africa Region and the IG training as mandated by the WTDC

Main objectives:

- To enhance capacities in Internet governance among ITU Member States
  - Targeted audience
- To involve different stakeholders in the delivery of the workshop
  - Multistakeholder approach
- To provide a general overview of key aspects related to international Internet governance discussions
  - Broad in scope, comprehensive overview
  - Neutral approach based on evidence and facts
Expected outcomes

At the end of the workshop, you should:

- Have a **better knowledge and understanding** of key topics and issues relevant to international Internet governance debates
- Understand the **diverse views and approaches** that exist in the IG community
- Be able to **participate actively** in international forums that discuss IG related issues
- Know the key priority areas and **needs for capacity development** in IG in the region
Workshop method

- Presentations by diverse group of stakeholders and experts
  - 8 sessions covering all relevant IG topics
- Break-out group discussions and fishbowl exercises
  - To apply knowledge to real-life situations
- Interactive nature of sessions is key
  - Ask questions!
Organization and logistics

- You are expected to attend all sessions (including break-out session)
- There will be translation into English and French
- Break-out rooms
- Copies of the presentations are available on workshop website
- Reference documents are provided
- Coffee and lunch facilities
We hope you enjoy the workshop!