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Subject: ITU Centres of Excellence

ITU CoE Strategic Review Study

Dear Colleagues in the Centres of Excellence,

As you are aware, at the World Telecommunication Development Conference held in Hyderabad, India, in 2010, the ITU's membership adopted Resolution 73 on the Centres of Excellence. This Resolution instructed the BDT Director to provide assistance for the work of the ITU Centres of Excellence, according it the necessary priority attention and to carry out a comprehensive analysis of the programme, organizational and financial activity of ITU Centres of Excellence and, if necessary, to develop a plan of action to improve their work.

This letter is to inform you that in accordance with this resolution, I have commissioned a study on the strategic review of the entire Centres of Excellence programme, and that the study is now underway.

The purpose of this study is to develop a clear strategy for the Centres of Excellence that is in line with the current environment, and the expectations of the membership. It will recommend ways of aligning this strategy with the operational processes and procedures for the administration of the Centres of Excellence. The ultimate aim is to come up with a capacity building product that adds value to both the ITU and to the membership.

Two experts have been engaged to undertake this study, and they will be holding discussions with management at ITU Headquarters as well as in the regions, and may contact you to ensure an all-inclusive input into the study outcomes and recommendations.

I kindly request your support and cooperation with the two consultants, namely Mr. David Souter and Ms Gladys Ogallo.

Yours faithfully,

Brahima Sanou
Director