



ITU Training Course on Conformity & Interoperability for AFR Region

Tunis, 28 October-1st November 2013



As part of the C&I ITU programme, Pillar 3 and 4, the subject course was held in the premises from CERT, ITU partner for training activities for AFR and ARB countries.

1. List of participants attached
2. Programme attached
3. Evaluation form attached
4. Training material and C&I Guidelines finalized by ITU attached
 - Presentation of the Activities conducted by ITU-BDT for Pillar 3 and Pillar 4 of the ITU C&I programme
 - Feasibility study for building conformance testing centers
 - Short Guidelines for establishing a C&I regime for developing countries
 - Assessment Study on C&I for SADC region
 - Guidelines for the Development, Implementation and Management of Mutual Recognition Arrangements/Agreements (MRAs)
 - Training Material (3 files)

1) Future Course on C&I domains for next years.

The course, 28 October -1st November 2013, addressed EMC and Radio theory and practical sessions in the lab, for participant from AFR Region.

Taking into consideration the feedbacks received from the participants to the Training Course for AFR region the following **other possible training Course for other C&I domains, for the next years**: Testing NGN Broadband Access, Testing the Wireless Wide Area Networks (WWAN) equipment, Testing Mobile Terminals, etc. also. The participants expressed willingness to receive training on Type approval for Mobile and on the related Procedures addressed by the ITU Guidelines on Establishing C&I regimes for developing countries. The course is anticipated to take 5 working days. Detailed programme will be circulated together with the invitation letter in due time

2) Participation of CERT in other ITU activities on C&I.

ITU is starting conducting an Assessment Study on Conformity and Interoperability assessment on Regional basis: Collaboration with Regional and Sub-regional Organizations for establishing a common C&I Regime and Mutual Recognition Agreements. The target is to concentrate the Study on SADC Countries this year, for assessing the situation of C&I regimes in place there (Laboratories, Regulatory regimes, MRAs, etc. as specified in the attached term of references). Based on the result of the study, a common and integrated approach for establishing appropriate C&I regimes in those countries will be proposed e.g. building additional labs for some C&I Domains (mobile, EMC, NGN, etc..) and/or encouraging the establishment of Mutual Recognition Agreements -MRAs between countries in the SADC Region .

ITU is planning conducting the same study, next year, for **targeted countries of ARB region** that will be selected in consultation with the RO of Cairo. North African Countries might be considered.

3) **Official Ceremony for the Inauguration of the new Premises of CERT labs**

As we discussed, considering the partnership in place between ITU and CERT on C&I, it would be appropriate officially inviting ITU management to participate in the ceremony that will involve Ministers and High level management of EU.

It seems that, considering the Ramadan is starting in July and that August is normally holiday period in Europe, such inauguration might be held early 2014

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