Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)

Fourth ITU CIS Centre of Excellence Steering Committee Meeting

Moscow, Russia, 18 December 2017

Original: Russian

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Introduction

Fourth ITU CIS Centre of Excellence Steering Committee (CIS CoE SC) meeting was held in Moscow, Russian Federation on 18 December 2017 at the kind invitation of the Moscow Technical University of Communications and Informatics (MTUCI).

The meeting discussed the following questions: update of the CIS CoE SC membership; overview of the ITU global capacity building activities in 2017; report on the implementation of CIS CoEs activities in 2017; proposed activities for the 2018 Action Plan; overview of the implementation of the CoE Strategy and proposals for the 2018-2021 cycle; proposals to review the CoE Strategy and Operational Processes and Procedures; CoE selection process for the 2018-2021 cycle.

The meeting was held in Russian and was paperless.

2. Meeting participants

The meeting was attended by 14 delegates from 4 CIS countries (9 of them remotely) as well as by 2 ITU representatives. List of participants is attached to this report (Annex 1).

3. Opening ceremony

Opening remarks were given by Sergey Erokhin, Rector of the Moscow Technical University of Communications and Informatics and by Kirill Oparin, Head of the ITU Area Office for CIS.

The meeting adopted proposed draft agenda (Annex 2). Further the meeting was chaired by Andrey Mukhanov, Vice Rector on International Cooperation and Public Relations, MTUCI.

4. Update of the CIS CoE SC membership

Vadim Kaptur, Vice Rector on Scientific Work of the A.S. Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications (ONAT), informed the meeting about replacement of the CIS CoE SC member from Ukraine: instead of Irina Politova Ukraine proposed Vladislav Kumysh, Head of Research and Development Department, ONAT.

Farid Nakhli, Programme Officer of the ITU Area Office for CIS, also reminded the meeting about replacement of the CIS CoE SC member from Kyrgyzstan: instead of Bayish Nurmatov member of the CIS CoE SC is now Gulnara Abdyllaeva, Director of the Institute of Electronics and Telecommunication (IET) under Kyrgyz State Technical University (KSTU) named after I. Razzakov.

5. Overall information on the CoE network and activities. Results achieved and planned activities in the area of capacity building

Farid Nakhli presented overall information on the CoE network and activities as well as results achieved and planned activities in the area of capacity building.

In particular, he highlighted that 5 CoE trainings were planned in the CIS, of which 3 were implemented. He also noticed that following several requests form CoEs ITU allowed training fees to be collected directly by the CoEs, and also hold free trainings in order to promote CoE brand. He also highlighted that CoEs for the new cycle will be selected in 2018.

6. Report on the implementation of CIS CoEs activities in 2017 and proposed activities for the 2018 Action Plan

CIS CoEs presented their reports as follows:
1. Russian Federation – Moscow Technical University of Communications and Informatics (MTUCI)
2. Kyrgyz Republic – Institute of Electronics and Telecommunication (IET) under Kyrgyz State Technical University (KSTU) named after I. Razzakov
3. Ukraine – A.S. Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications (ONAT)

Presentations can be downloaded from the meeting web-site.

The following comments and proposals were given during the question discussion:
*   CoE program is important for experience exchange and promotion of best practices
*   Issues of training fee collection and money transfer to the ITU are not completely resolved, CoEs should be given more flexibility to be able to comply with national legislation
*   TO justify money transfers between ITU and CoE there should be a formal contract between parties involved
*   One of the main reasons of lack of foreign participants is lack of promotion efforts by Administrations of the ITU Member-States
*   Low interest from operators and their unwillingness to share experience complicate preparation and organization of trainings
*   It is reasonable to consider opportunity to issue invoice for the trainings in national currencies
*   There are delays from the ITU side with invoice issuing
*   ITU should organize a training for CoE lecturers
*   ITU certificates do not bear any registration number and there is no possibility to verify them via ITU website. It is reasonable to consider improvement of ITU certificates to allow employers to verify facts of training completion by their staff

7. Overview of the implementation of the CoE Strategy and proposals for the 2018-2021 cycle; proposals to review the CoE Strategy and Operational Processes and Procedures; CoE selection process for the 2018-2021 cycle

Programme Officer of the ITU Area Office for CIS informed the meeting regarding ongoing revision of the CoE Strategy and Operational Processes and Procedures and timeframe of the CoE selection process for the 2018-2021 cycle.

The following comments and proposals were given during the question discussion:
*   To allow post-training money transfer to the ITU, CoE should have a proper contract
*   It is important to promote CoE trainings among operators to attract foreign participants
*   At the early stage of the CoE program target audience was senior management of telecom companies, currently it is at the expert level. It is important to define target audience within current circumstances
*   It is reasonable to hold CoE trainings back-to-back with other regional and national meetings dedicated to discussion of ICT development

- For the CoEs to make a decision regarding application for the next cycle it is necessary to get from the ITU training directions for the new cycle as early as possible

8. Conclusion. Dates of the next meeting

The meeting decided that based on the principle of rotation, the next meeting should be held in the fourth quarter of 2018 in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic. Exact date will be determined later.

Participants of the fourth ITU CIS Centre of Excellence Steering Committee meeting expressed their gratitude to the Moscow Technical University of Communications and Informatics for excellent conditions provided to organize the meeting, to the ITU for assistance in agenda items discussion, and to the meeting Chairman for his work and to the secretariat for assistance.

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Sergey Erokhin,
Chairman of the fourth ITU CIS Centre of Excellence Steering Committee meeting

Annex 1
Participants of the fourth ITU CIS Centre of Excellence Steering Committee meeting
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№	Name	Country	Title
1	Oleg Khodasevich	Republic of Belarus	Dean, Faculty of Advanced Studies and Retraining, Belarusian State Academy of Telecommunications
2	Gulnara Abdyllaeva	Kyrgyz Republic	Director, IET
3	Almaz Tilenbaev	Kyrgyz Republic	State Committee of Information Technologies and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic
4	Bayish Nurmatov	Kyrgyz Republic	Head, Research and Development Centre on ICT and Information Security
5	Askarbek Karmyshakov	Kyrgyz Republic	Head, Chair "Radioelectronics", IET
6	Igor Zimin	Kyrgyz Republic	Head, Chair "Telecommunications", IET
7	Janna Barakova	Kyrgyz Republic	Head, Chair "Information Systems and Technologies in Telecommunications", IET
8	Sergey Erokhin	Russian Federation	Rector, MTUCI
9	Andrey Mukhanov	Russian Federation	Vice Rector on International Cooperation and Public Relations, MTUCI
10	Vladimir Dokuchaev	Russian Federation	Head, Chair "Multimedia Telecommunication Networks and Services", MTUCI
11	Irina Sineva	Russian Federation	Head, Department of International Programs and Projects, MTUCI
12	Natalia Maliavina	Russian Federation	Public Relations Manager, MTUCI
13	Vadim Kaptur	Ukraine	Vice-Rector on Scientific Work, ONAT
14	Vladislav Kumysh	Ukraine	Head, Research and Development Department, ONAT
15	Kirill Oparin	ITU	Head, ITU Area Office for CIS
16	Farid Nakhli	ITU	Programme Officer, ITU Area Office for CIS

Annex 2
Agenda of the fourth ITU CIS Centre of Excellence Steering Committee meeting
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09:30-10:00	**Participant registration**
10:00-10:15	**Opening of the meeting:** • Welcome address from the Moscow Technical University of Communications and Informatics (MTUCI) • Welcome address from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
10:15-10:45	**Overview of the ITU global capacity building activities in 2017** Speaker: • ITU representative
10:45-11:15	**Report on the implementation of CoE activities in 2017** Speakers: • CIS CoEs representatives
11:15-11:45	**Proposed activities for the 2018 Action Plan** Speakers: • CIS CoEs representatives
11:45-12:15	**Coffee break. Group photo**
12:15-12:45	**Overview of the implementation of the CoE Strategy and proposals for the 2018-2021 cycle** Speakers: • ITU representatives, members of the CIS CoE Steering Committee
12:45-13:15	**Proposals to review the CoE Strategy and Operational Processes and Procedures** Speakers: • Members of the CIS CoE Steering Committee
13:15-13:45	**CoE selection process for the 2018-2021 cycle** Speaker: • ITU representative
13:45-14:30	**Lunch break**
14:30-15:30	**Preparation and discussion of the meeting report** Speakers: • ITU representatives, members of the CIS CoE Steering Committee
15:30-16:00	**Wrap-up. Meeting closing**