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1 Introduction

In the WTU's Council Meeting held in October 2014, the Council agreed to hold a Council Working Group (CWG) to study on the establishment of Capacity Building Centres (CBCs) and elaborate the principal requirements.

On 20 February 2015, CWG held its plenary meeting in Tokyo and decided to form two Sub Working Groups in which the following issues for each SWG are to be discussed for the purpose of creating a consensus as well as feedback of the discussions;

- SWG1: 1) Location of CBCs
2) Structure of CBC Organization
- SWG2: 1) Subject of Training Programme executed in CBCs
2) Cost Allocation

In line with the above instruction, SWG1 held two meetings during the course of this Council Working Group Meeting, and completed its work on 20 February 2015.

During the course of its work, SWG1 addressed various aspects of the issues raised by the contributions of SWG1 members.

In particular, SWG1 recommended the location of CBCs as summarized in section 2 of this Report, and the structure of CBC Organization as summarized in section 3 of this Report. Furthermore, other issues addressed by SWG1 are included in section 4 of this Report.

2 Location of CBCs

SWG1 intensively examined proposals in regard to the desirable number of CBCs to be established as well as possible locations.

SWG1 agreed to recommend the number of CBCs and the possible locations as follows:

RECOMMENDATION 1:

SWG1 recommends:

- 1-1 Two CBCs in developed countries
 - Saudi Arabia (Arab, Africa)
 - Canada (Americas)
- 1-2 One CBC in developing country
 - Philippines (Asia/Oceania)
- 1-3 Final locations are to be decided in the Plenary Meeting depending on the topics of programmes to be placed in the recommendations of SWG2.
- 1-4 The cost issues should be discussed and resolved in the Plenary Meeting in relation to the establishment of three CBCs.

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The followings are the summary of comments raised in the SWG1 meeting:

- It could be an option to execute some of the Programmes in developed countries outside the physical location of CBCs, for example, an e-Agriculture course hosted by Australia.
- Canada pointed out that the developed countries might be able to invite trainees from developing countries.
- Saudi Arabia mentioned that the developed countries would be able to provide trainees from developing countries with up-to-date technology and other related ICT environment for the efficient training programmes, specifically Smart City, etc.
- In regard to the Regional category could be three categories, Asia/Oceania, Africa/Arab/Europe and Americas.
- The actual location of CBCs could be decided depending on the result of SWG2 discussions in relation to the programmes to be adopted for CBCs. The followings are the list of most familiar subjects of each possible location:
 - Saudi Arabia < Smart City >
 - Lebanon <Smart City> <e-Health>
 - Australia <e-Agriculture> <Disaster Management>
 - Philippines <e-Agriculture> <Disaster Management>
 - Poland <Smart City> < e-Education>
 - Canada <e-Education> <e-Health>

3 Structure of CBC Organization

SWG1 intensively examined proposals in regard to the structure of CBC Organization. SWG1 agreed to recommend the structure of CBC Organization as follows:

RECOMMENDATION 2

SWG1 recommends to set up:

2-1 One central Committee consisting of:

- 1 Head
- 3 Deputy Heads by regional officers
- 1 Deputy Head for educational programmes
(to be elected from Private Sector)
- Secretariat
- Location: At HQ of WTU

2-2 Three regional Committee consisting of:

- Regional officer (also responsible for deputy head of the central Committee)
- Regional secretariat
- Location: At each CBCs

4 Other Issues

- SWG1 also recommended to place a pending issue for the next meeting in regard to “How to decide the positions, such as a possible election for the positions to be decided in the Plenary Meeting.

5 Conclusion

To conclude, I would like to thank all the delegations of SWG1 for their valuable proposals and support rendered throughout the SWG1 discussions. Their active participation and insights were essential in reaching consensus on the tasks assigned to this sub working group in a very limited timeframe.

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