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Abstract

This contribution presents Canada's proposals on the establishment and the operational structure of Capacity Building Centres (CBCs) to achieve further development of ICT in the developing countries, and to accelerate their positive partnership for the purpose of simultaneous development in the world. To seek for the participation of many private companies in the developed countries, and trainees from the developing countries, this input contribution proposes to have 2 CBCs, one in the developed countries, namely Canada for its advanced ICT technologies, and the other in the developing countries. For the operational structures of CBCs, the one central committee should control all the CBCs' operations to provide the consistent ICT knowledge and training programs. Also the participation of the private sectors should be welcomed to ease the cost for the operation of CBCs.

Rationale

In the previous WTU's Council Meeting held in October 2014, it was decided that Capacity Building Centre (CBC) should be established in order to achieve further development of ICT in the developing countries, and to accelerate their positive partnership for the purpose of simultaneous development in the world.

Regarding the location of CBC, it was noted that, in consideration of the current situation regarding WTU's financial and human resource allocation, CBCs up to two locations would be feasible, and that CBCs above three locations could be an option in case that there are considerable reasons such as the additional financial and human resource support.

In this regard, Canada believes that the location of CBCs should be one in the developed countries and the other in the developing countries. The reason for establishing one CBC in the developed countries is because many of the private companies in those countries can offer the knowledge and training of their diversified technologies. On the other hand, the reason for establishing the other CBC in the developing countries is because many participants in the developing countries can participate in the CBC training courses. Canada is one of the ideal locations for the CBC in the developed countries because it is very advanced in ICT technologies.

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Regarding the operational structure of CBCs, Canada believes that one central committee should manage all the CBCs' operations. However, the position of Administrative Manager for each CBC should be added to the positions of Head, Deputy Head, and Secretary General. The administrative manager should be selected from the host country of CBC so the administrative manager will be different for each CBC. The reason for having the same personnel for Head, Deputy Head, and Secretary General for all of the CBC operations is to provide the coherent ICT knowledge and training throughout all CBC trainings. Also the reason for having different Administrative Manager for each CBC training is because to reflect the different features of the host country.

In addition, the participation of private sectors to this project should be welcomed since they can offer their knowledge and skills. They should also bear the operational cost for CBCs. Therefore, for their share of the operational cost to be less, the participation of a large number of private sectors should be encouraged. However, the positions of the CBC's operational committee should not be shared to any private sector for not letting them have any authority over the operation of CBCs.

Proposal

Canada proposes the following for the establishment and the operational structure of CBCs:

Location of CBCs:

- One in Canada, and the other in one of the developing countries. Canada does not have any preference on the developing country to be selected.

Operational structures of CBCs:

- One central committee controls the all CBC operations.
- Key positions of the central committee is the following:
 - Head
 - Deputy Head
 - Secretary General
 - Administrative Managers for two CBCs
- Participation of the private sectors are welcomed however, none of the above position be taken by them.

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