



## ITU Training Course on Conformity and Interoperability for AFR Region

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### ITU C&I Programme: Pillars 3 and 4

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## C&I Programme

- To tackle different obstacles to the achievement of conformity and interoperability, expressed by member states in ITU`s Decisions.



Regional Presence



C&I Task Force

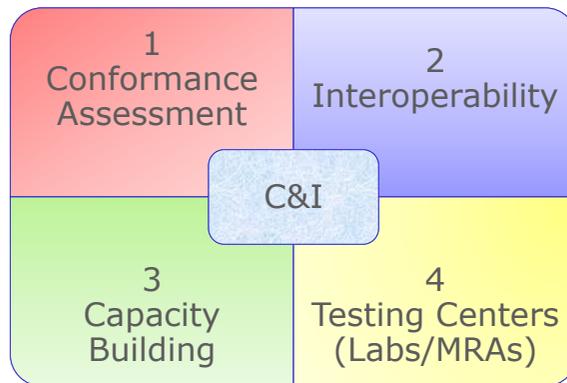
## Conformity Assessment benefits

- Conformity assessment builds consumers' trust and confidence in tested products and consequently strengthens business environment and, thanks to interoperability, the economy benefits from business **stability, scalability and cost reduction of systems, equipment and tariffs.**
- While economically Conformance and Interoperability (C&I) **increase** market opportunities, encourage trade and technology transfer and contribute to the removal of technical barriers, they socially help spreading ICT services **availability and affordability** to all people at a good level of quality.

## ITU's Decisions – C&I Action Plan

- **Resolution 177** ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-10, rev. PP-14)
- **Resolution 47** ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-10, rev. WTDC-14)
- **Resolution 76** ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-08 rev. WTSA-12)
- **Resolution 62** Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-2012, rev RA-2015)
- **ITU Council Decisions** (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

## "The ITU 4 Pillars"



## The ITU 4 "Pillars"



### ▪ The Standardization Sector Side

- ❖ Conformity Assessment
- ❖ Interoperability Events

### ▪ The Development Sector Side

- ❖ Capacity building
- ❖ Establishing C&I programmes in developing countries

## The Telecommunication Development Bureau Side

- ❖ Capacity building
- ❖ Establishment of test centres and appropriate C&I Regimes including MRAs in developing countries.

ITU [Forums](#) with in-deep consideration for test centres and Capacity Building in the Regions

### Held 2010 -2013:

- ❖ Africa (Kenya 2010, Ghana 2011)
- ❖ CIS (Moscow 2011)
- ❖ Americas (Brasilia 2012)
- ❖ Arab States (Tunis 2012) Forum and Training
- ❖ Asia Pacific (Myanmar 2013)

### Held 2014:

- ❖ CIS (Moscow)

## Capacity building and test centres

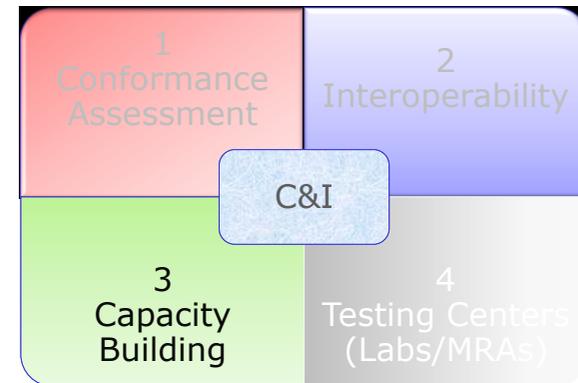
- ❖ ITU is implementing proposals on human **capacity building**
- ❖ ITU will assist developing countries in the establishment of test facilities and in cooperation with **international institutions**:
  - UNIDO
  - International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)
  - International Accreditation Forum (IAF),...
  - Labs and R&D institutions

## Needs in Developing Countries for Test Labs and/or MRAs



- Conformity Assessment Bodies to contribute to create an orderly telecom apparatus market place
- Once reference standards and procedures are in place, test labs and/or MRAs can approve equipment for compliance
- Sharing test labs resources and using same procedures amongst countries and regions may lowering overall costs while continuing addressing regional priorities
- A robust framework (following international procedures – ISO/CASCO) needed for trust and confidence in test results and among test labs (MRAs)

## Pillar 3



## Partnership and Collaboration

The ITU Secretariat signed MoUs with [Testing centers](#) in the Regions for promoting activities of the C&I Programme such as capacity building events and direct assistance:

- AFR and ARB: CERT (Research and Studies Telecommunication Center, Tunisia)
- AMS: CPqD (Brazil)
- Europe: Sintesio (Slovenia) and Tilab (Italy)
- CIS: ZNIIS (Russia)
- ASP: Project proposal for collaboration under consideration by MIIT (China)
- International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and
- International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)
- International Standardization Organization (ISO)
- UNIDO

## ITU Training activities on C&I

[http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Technology/Pages/CI\\_Events.aspx](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Technology/Pages/CI_Events.aspx)  
ITU Academy – C&I training

- CIS Countries NGN integration testing, Moscow (Russian Federation), 2010 and 2011
- Africa and Arab Regions, Tunis 5-7 Nov 2012
- ARB Region, Tunis 2-6 April 2013 (EMC Compatibility)
- Africa Region, Tunis 28 October-1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 (EMC Compatibility)
- Americas Region, Campinas, 24-28 June 2013 (EMC Compatibility)
- ARB Region, Tunis 17-22 March 2014 (Mobile terminals)
- Americas Region, Campinas (Brazil) 12-16 May 2014, (Mobile terminals)
- Training Course on Conformance and Interoperability Testing for the Africa Region, 23-27 June 2014, Tunis (Tunisia)
- CIS Region: ITU Virtual Laboratory for Remote Tests of Equipment, New Technologies and Services", 10-12 November 2014, Moscow (Russian Federation)

## ITU Training activities on C&I for 2015

- Training Course for the Arab Region on Type Approval Testing for Mobile Terminals, Homologation Procedures and Market Surveillance, 20-24 April 2015, Tunis (Tunisia)
- Training Course for the Americas Region on Type Approval Testing for Mobile Terminals, NGN integration and interoperability testing, Homologation Procedures and Market Surveillance, 8-12 June 2015, Campinas (Brazil)
- Training Course for the Africa Region on Type Approval Testing for Mobile Terminals, Homologation Procedures and Market Surveillance, 27-31 July 2015, Tunis (Tunisia). **Postponed to December 2015 (t.b.c.)**
- Training Course for CIS Region, Moscow (Russian Federation), 7-9 July 2015
- ITU Asia-Pacific Centres of Excellence Training on Conformity and Interoperability, Beijing, P. R. China, 12-16 October 2015

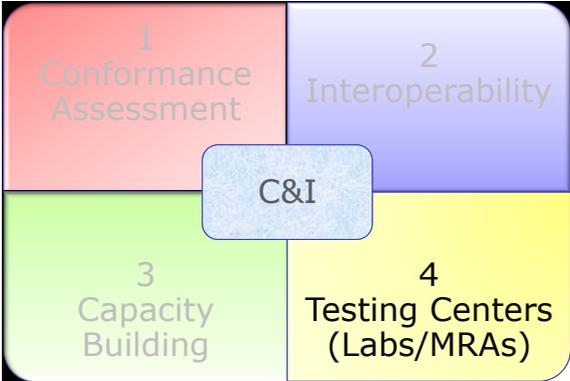
## Training Goals

- The ITU Training on C&I – is a capacity event in the framework of the Conformity and Interoperability Programme that has as objective:
  - **Improve knowledge** of participants through the presentation of up-to-date information/technologies
  - Contribute to **increase awareness** on the relevance of C&I testing
  - Provide the necessary tools for participants to **replicate knowledge in their country**, taking into consideration national specificities
  - **Promote experience-sharing** on Certification/Homologation process, Lab. Accreditation and testing among the participants from different countries in Conformance and Interoperability field
  - Present a practical learning on **standards, regulations, real Lab experience** and **accreditation procedures**.

### Training on C&I



### Pillar 4



## ITU C&I Guidelines



**Establishing Conformity and Interoperability Regimes – Basic Guidelines (2014)**  
These Guidelines address challenges faced by developing countries as they plan and review their own C&I regimes. Aspects covered by this publication include, inter alia, conformity assessment procedures; legislation to promote an orderly equipment marketplace; surveillance; coordination across regulatory agencies; and relevant international standards.



**Guidelines for developing countries on Establishing Conformity assessment Test Labs in Different Regions (2012)**  
This set of guidelines is the first publication on C&I, its valuable content includes information concerning: The process required for building testing labs; A site analysis (e.g. existing testing labs, know-how); Collaboration mechanisms; Best practices; Reference standards and ITU Recommendations

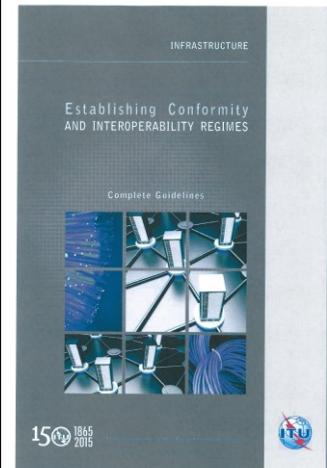


**Guidelines for the Development, Implementation and Management of Mutual Recognition Arrangements/Agreements on Conformity Assessment (2013)**  
These guidelines promote the understanding and establishment of Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) on conformity assessment that are intended to promote efficiency and resource sharing as well as to streamline the flow of products among participating Parties such as ITU Member States and private sector organizations, such as testing laboratories



**Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre (2013)**  
This feasibility study describes environments, procedures and methodologies to be adopted to establish, manage and maintain a testing center covering different kinds of conformance and interoperability testing areas

## New ITU C&I Guidelines



**Establishing Conformity and Interoperability Regimes – Complete Guidelines (2015)**  
These Guidelines compiled from a careful collection of international best practices, address challenges faced by developing countries as they plan and review their own C&I regimes. Aspects covered by this publication include, inter alia, conformity assessment procedures; the right type of approval system, the legislation required to promote an orderly telecommunication service and marketplace; the calculation of fees, and the ideal enforcement and Surveillance; coordination across regulatory agencies; relevant international standards.

## Direct Assistance on C&I

A number of countries have expressed strong interest and requested direct assistance (e.g. Sri-Lanka, Kiribati, Mongolia, Zambia, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire) in establishing C&I infrastructure and procedures

The Direct Assistance provided through the Regional Offices will provide support taken into consideration all C&I aspects, as:

- **Regulatory framework**
- **Institutions roles and typical procedures**
- **Mutual Recognition Agreements**
- **Funding**
- **National and Regional test centres and harmonized C&I programmes: Roadmap and Feasibility Study**

## In-country C&I Test Lab

- To support Member States to establish their own National C&I Test Laboratories, the ITU can provide the necessary Technical Assistance upon request from Member States.
- The implementation of a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) in the region may take time. A possible approach would be to start deploying In-Country (national) C&I Test Labs in Member States in order to build capacity and know how in the area of instrumentation, lab management, quality and instrumentation purchasing process (quality and instrumentation maintenance). This may lead to Member States developing these National C&I Test Labs becoming references for their respective technology (domain) testing area in the Region.
- Table below may be used as a guide for the selection of the technology (domain) testing area for the National C&I Labs. The Table provides indicative office floor requirements and cost factors.

lab	activity	m <sup>2</sup>	Location Rent K€/year	Utility K€/year	Instrument. Asset K€	Personnel Number of people #	Instrument. Opex K€/year
SAR	Specific Absorption Rate lab	150	19	28	800	4	25
USX	User experience lab	130	17	24	100	6	0
BBA	Broadband access lab	300	39	56	1,400	7	5
VAS	Mobile value added services lab	40	5	7	0	3	0
EPS	Electrical safety & protection lab	80	10	15	1,200	4	25
ELA	Electroacoustic lab	250	32	46	800	4	5
EMC	Electromagnetic compatibility lab	300	39	56	1,600	5	5
RSL	Radio & Signalling lab	250	32	46	2,000	12	10
PWR	Powering consumption lab	80	10	15	200	2	5
QML	Quality of material lab	250	32	46	1,300	6	15
WIF	Personal area network lab	170	22	31	500	5	5
TPF	Fixed Test plant	900	117	167	3,000	33	120
TPM	Mobile Test plant	2500	324	463	3,000	55	300
<b>DTT</b>	<b>Digital terrestrial (DVB -T2)</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>



## C&I Regional Assessment Studies



The C&I Assessment Studies looks for promoting the establishment of Harmonized C&I Programmes, when possible.

It will collaborate to improve **regional integration** and foster the availability of highly qualified institutions (as Laboratories, Certification and Accreditation Bodies)

In an overall analysis, the Assessment Studies contributes to:

- **Bridging the Standardization Gap,**
- **reducing the Digital Divide, and**
- **as is inherent to ICT technologies development, strengthens business environment for global players.**

## C&I Regional Assessment Studies



- C&I infrastructure in regions/sub-regions/countries are being assessed
- Analysis of the status in the regions are being conducted
- Looking for promoting regional agreements about possible locations for resources (Labs), agreements and testing capabilities
- Close collaboration with regional experts in addressing capacity building activities, accreditation and type approval testing.
- Moving forward to establishing regional test centers and/or MRAs as appropriate

## C&I Regional Assessment Studies



### Roadmap

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## C&I Regional Assessment Studies



### Calendar

#### □ Assessment Study for SADC Region completed 2014)

- The results of the Assessment Study have been presented during the Subregional Workshop for SADC (Southern African Development Community), 13-15 October 2014, Livingstone (Zambia)



## C&I Assessment Study for SADC



- Final Report
- Survey Findings
- Outcomes of the Workshop for SADC, Livingstone, Zambia, 13-15 October, 2014
  - Recommendations: In Country C&I Test Lab
  - Criteria for selecting countries for establishing regional test centres
  - Proposed plan for a SADC framework MRA
- Media statement on the meeting of SADC Ministers Responsible for Communications, Postal and ICTs. Mangochi, Malawi, 21 November 2014

## □ Assessment Study for Maghreb countries

Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya (completed 2014)

The results of the assessment study have been presented during the Subregional Workshop for Maghreb Countries, Tunis 9-11 December 2014



- Assessment Study for AMS (Caribbean) conducted in 2014, Assessment Studies for AMS (Central America) and AFR (EAC countries) are being conducted during 2015

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## Follow-up of Assessment Study for Maghreb



- Joint declaration signed between ITU Regional Office of Cairo and UMA the Secretariat General of the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA) for collaboration and support to Maghreb countries for establishing a common MRA
- First meeting of C&I Expert Committee for Maghreb, Rabat (Morocco), 23-25 November 2015

## Assessment Studies for the Caribbean



- The results of the first assessment were presented during the ITU C&I Workshop for Caribbean (2-4 December 2014, in St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago)



- [Assessment Study on C&I for the Caribbean](#)
- [Report](#)
- [Outcomes](#)

<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Technology/Pages/Events.aspx>

## Follow-up of Assessment Study for the Caribbean



*As one of the results of the assessment and workshop held for the Caribbean was the cooperation between an ITU Academia member, CPqD with Caribbean countries in regard to homologation and testing procedures. A high level Caribbean mission visited the laboratories of the CPqD in Campinas, Brazil, during the C&I training for the region in June 2015*

## □ Assessment Studies for **EAC** countries:

The East African Community (EAC) is the regional intergovernmental organization of the Republics of **Burundi**, **Kenya**, **Rwanda**, the **United Republic of Tanzania**, and the Republic of **Uganda**, with its headquarters in Arusha, **Tanzania**. (**ongoing 2015**)  
The results of the assessment study will be presented during the Subregional Workshop for EAC countries, Nairobi 21-23 October 2015



## Assessment Studies



- **Assessment Studies for Central America**
- The results of the first assessment will be presented during the ITU C&I Workshop for Central America **Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 7-9 December 2015**



Costa Rica  
El Salvador  
Guatemala  
Honduras  
Nicaragua  
Panama  
Dominican Republic  
+  
Cuba

## Other C&I Related activities in the Americas region



The ITU Americas Regional Office is supporting ITU C&I Initiative by promoting discussion opportunities in regional fora and events:

### **1. Regional Standardization Forum**

A whole Session will be dedicated to ITU C&I Initiative  
Event will take place on 21 September 2015 at CITEEL Headquarters in Washington D.C., United States

### **2. ITU Workshop on Strategic Broadband Infrastructure for development for the Americas**

Jointly organized with the Brazilian Regulator, it will take place from 26 to 29 October 2015, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, during the FUTURECOM Exposition

## C&I Activities planned for 2016



- **Assessment Studies:**
  - a) Follow Up for Maghreb, SADC, EAC, Central America, Caribbean: ITU assistance on establishing national laboratories/regional Laboratories and/or MRAs
  - b) New C&I Assessment Study for Central Africa
- **Direct country assistance:** Specific training on C&I such as Market Surveillance, Analysis of Certificates and documentations for Homologation Procedures; b) Regulatory issue for revision/establishment of National C&I regimes; ICT standards for type approval; implementing technical collaboration or MRAs with other countries; Feasibility Studies for building C&I laboratories.
- **Training on C&I** (ASP, ARB, AFR, CIS): 1. C&I Regimes: Market surveillance, Analysis of Certificates and documentation for Homologation Procedures, best practices for developing countries; 2. C&I testing domains: Mobile terminals, wireless technologies and broadband.

## WTDC-14, Outcomes on C&I



- Dubai Declaration
- Amendment of Resolution 47
- New ITU-D Study Group Question on C&I
- Objective 2, Output 2.2, Programme
- Regional Initiatives for AFR and ARB Regions

## WTDC-14 outcomes on C&I

- **The Dubai Declaration** recognized that conformance and interoperability of telecommunication/ ICT equipment and systems can increase market opportunities and reliability and encourage global integration and trade.
- **Resolution 47** was amended, reaffirming the importance of collaboration and coordination between the three ITU Bureaux in implementing the ITU C&I programme.

## WTDC-14 outcomes on C&I

- **Study Group Question 4/2**, mandate:
  - *"Studies of various issues related to conformance and interoperability are to be reported, and among others the description of the technical, legislative and regulatory framework that would be needed to implement appropriate C&I programmes by developing countries. Specifically, the following outputs are envisaged:*
    - **a) Harmonized Guidelines on technical, legal and regulatory aspects of C&I Regime;**
    - **b) Feasibility studies regarding establishment of laboratories in different C&I Domains;**
    - **c) Guidance on the framework and procedures to establish MRA;**
    - **d) C&I Regimes, case studies established at national, regional or global levels;**
    - **e) Development of a methodology for assessing the situation of C&I regimes in place in the regions (or sub regions);**
    - **f) Experience sharing and case studies reports on C&I programmes implementation."**

## WTDC-14 outcomes on C&I

**Outcomes of Objective 2, Output 2.2 of the Dubai Action Plan**, focusing on the following issues:

- a) **Educating** technicians, policy-makers and businesses on the importance of C&I procedures and testing, mobilizing the resources required to implement regional and national C&I programmes, in cooperation with other relevant regional and international organizations;
- b) **Providing assistance** to developing countries in the establishment of national, regional or subregional C&I programmes, and conducting assessment studies for facilitating the establishment of common conformance and interoperability regimes at national, regional and subregional level;
- c) **Preparing guidelines** on this process which outline the technical and human resources required and the international standards to be applied.

## ITU Cooperation

- ❖ **Analysing the status of resources in the regions**
- ❖ **Finding regional agreements about possible locations for resources/ MRAs and testing capabilities: establishing Forums of Experts at Subregional Level**
- ❖ **Participation in Capacity Building activities, accreditation and certification**
- ❖ **Participation in the creation of a common C&I regime: MRAs and regional test laboratories**

