

Outcomes of the second ITU-T SG11 Regional Workshop for Africa

**“Counterfeit ICT Devices, Conformance
and Interoperability Testing
Challenges in Africa”**

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Current situation

- **ITU-T SG11 is working on standards in relation with new trends related to testing and combating counterfeit and stolen ICT devices**
- **There are few testing laboratories in the Region which may perform the tests**
- **Majority of African countries do not have “Testing labs” and there is a need to encourage Region to set up such labs**

Key issues on C&I in Africa Region

- **TL recognition procedure is needed**
- **The candidate ITU-T Recommendations for joint IECEE/ITU certification scheme needs to be determined**
- **EMC/LVD and Radio testing activities are important for the Region. The Laboratories, which perform such tests, should be recognized by ITU somehow**
- **The contributions proposing test specifications of EMC/LVD and Radio should be submitted to relevant ITU-T SGs**
- **TLs are invited to join CASC discussion on TL Recognition procedure**



Key issues on combating counterfeit and stolen devices in Africa Region

- **Few projects are developed in Africa**
- **Some projects didn't reach their goals for the following reasons :**
 - **Lack of awareness**
 - **Lack of involvement of all stakeholders**
 - **Lack of adequate legal framework**
- **It was recognized that there are significant issues in the Region with regards to security of existing identifiers such as IMEI. The relevant action need to be taken at the international level by ITU**

The way forward on combating counterfeit and stolen devices in Africa Region

- **The information on ongoing projects and experiences should be exchanged over the Region**
- **Legal frameworks need to be unified over the Region**
- **The study of opportunity to use PPP approach might need further consideration**
- **There is a need to raise the awareness in the Region about threats introduced by counterfeit devices**