SUMMARY WORKSHOP REPORT

SESSION ONE
CONFORMANCE AND INTEROPERABILITY TESTING

- Tunisia delivered a presentation on the over view of the current activities and key challenges of the CERTLabs.

- Rhodes & Schwarz delivered a presentation on the ITU-T_Conformity testing on mobile device for regulatory aspects.

- The Chairman of the ITU-T CASC delivered a presentation on the overview of ITU-T CASC activities and requested that participants follow the activities of CASC and make contribution where necessary.

- Session One highlighted the importance of testing ICT devices for Conformance and Interoperability

SESSION TWO
COMBATTING COUNTERFEITING

➢ **A** presentation was delivered on the overview of ITU-T SG11 activities on combating counterfeiting and stolen ICT devices.

➢ **Mobile & Wireless Forum (MWF)** delivered a presentation that proposed mechanisms to address counterfeit ICT devices and mobile device theft.

➢ **Qualcomm** delivered a presentation on an Open Source Solution known as DIRBS that can be deployed to combat counterfeit ICT devices and mobile device theft.

➢ GSMA delivered a presentation giving updates on GSMA's IMEI activities.

➢ CERT also delivered a presentation on the implementation of the Central Equipment Identity Register in Tunisia.

PRESENTATION ON COUNTRY EXPERIENCES

The following countries shared experiences on the topics:
Ghana, Nigeria, Tunisia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Niger, Somalia and Sudan

➤ Ghana showed a video of its four Type Approval Testing Laboratories and indicated that the infrastructure was ready for testing, capacity building and training in line with pillars 1, 3 and 4 of the ITU C&I program.

➤ Botswana and Burkina Faso indicated that they only rely on test reports submitted by manufacturers as means of authentication for Type Approval Certification.

➤ Nigeria intends to deploy a Device Management System as one of the measures of combatting counterfeit ICT devices. Additionally, Nigeria independently verifies test reports submitted by manufacturers for Type Approval

➤ Sudan has an RF testing laboratory to support its for type approval process

CONCLUSION AND WRAP UP SESSION

➢ Members aged that there is the urgent need to harmonize the standards in the sub-regions. The sub-regional organizations should spearhead the harmonization of standards and MRA development among countries in the sub-region to make the collaboration efforts in the use of labs in the sub-region effective.

➢ The meeting noted that the idea of establishing testing laboratories for C&I testing is a good. The cost involved was also highlighted and so it was recommended that members should make use of the already established ones for C&I testing.

➢ The issue of sustainability of labs in countries or this region where there is little or no manufacturing was also discussed members should mainly sustained by business from these manufacturers.

➢ Members agreed that counterfeit devices particularly mobile phones in the region is a major concern. There is the need to find mechanisms to secure supply chain and so it was commended to establish of regional or sub-regional CEIR to combat counterfeit and stolen ICT devices.

➢ It was agreed to use some of the conclusions of the workshop as contributions to the SG11 meetings.