

CTO CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

October saw the CTO host its first five day workshop on [ICT Regulation: Understanding the Big Picture of ICTs for Development](#). This course was created for newly appointed board members of telecommunications regulatory authorities who wish to discover more about the wider context within which telecommunications regulation takes place.

Delegates from Kenya, Cameroon and South Africa heard from a wide variety of presenters, including CTO managers, BT, the BBC, OFCOM and Facebook on topics such as the regulatory environment, the role of ICTs in development, consumer issues and universal service funds. Feedback from the delegates has been overwhelmingly positive, and the CTO would like to thank all those who facilitated the course and contributed to its success.

For further information on attending a future workshop for board members and parliamentarians, please contact [Hilda Muchando](#), Deputy Manager, Capacity Development and Training.



Delegates to the Board Regulators' Workshop

Other courses that took place under CTO's Programme for Development and Training (PDT) this month included:

- Marketing and Pricing of Next Generation Networks, 6th-10th October, Mauritius;
- Human Resource Management and Finance, 20th-24th October, London;
- Broadband Technologies & Multimedia Services, 20th-24th October, Trinidad & Tobago;
- IMS Fundamentals, 27th-31st October, Botswana.

CTO EVENTS

[Commonwealth Human Resources for ICTs: skills for the changing ICT paradigm](#)

[Hilton Mumbai International Airport Hotel, India](#)

This annual conference for HR, training and development managers in the ICT sector will take place on 3rd to 4th November. Please see next month's issue of i-CTO for a full report on the event, which will focus on the need for human resources to become a key part of ICT businesses operations and planning.

[Commonwealth Broadband Forum - Africa 2014](#)

[Broadband for accelerated growth](#)

[18-20 November 2014, Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya](#)

Broadband, and particularly mobile broadband, is one of the CTO's six priority areas, and in view of the key role broadband can and does play in development the CTO has launched a new Forum on broadband. The Commonwealth Broadband Forum will highlight regional Commonwealth solutions to broadband infrastructure, revenue management and security challenges, while demonstrating the immense plethora of innovations that have occurred as a result of broadband implementation. This year's event is being hosted by the [Communications Authority of Kenya](#).

For more information about any of the CTO's events, please view the event pages of the [website](#). For registration enquiries contact [Robert Hayman](#), Events Manager.

CTO RESEARCH & CONSULTANCY

The Research and Consultancy (R&C) Team is beginning a research study in partnership with Avanti on Broadband Access via Satellite in East Africa. This research study aims to assess the potential role of satellites as a complementary technology for enabling wider access to broadband. Senior Programme Officer, Fargani Tambeayuk, will travel to Kenya, Tanzania and Burundi towards the end of October 2014 to conduct both qualitative and quantitative research and will meet with regulators, operators and other relevant stakeholders in all three countries.

Project work for the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) on their new Strategic Plan is ongoing, with deliverables including the Operational Log Frame and the Strategic Plan Report completed this month.

MEMBERS' NEWS

In July, the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) celebrated 10 years of regulating the telecommunications and broadcasting sectors of their country. To celebrate this occasion, TATT hosted many special 10th Anniversary events and activities, alongside their usual events. In addition to the workshop on ICTs for Skills Development and Entrepreneurship held in collaboration with the CTO, highlights of TATT's activities include:

- Girls in ICT seminar, as part of the International Telecommunications Union's Girls in ICT Day;
- Broadband for Sustainable Development Initiative, which will award grants to five NGOs to develop projects on sustainable development; and
- A Cyber-Safety Awareness Project aimed at improving internet safety for children in Trinidad and Tobago.



For further information on these, or any of TATT's other events and projects, please visit www.tatt.org.tt or email info@tatt.org.tt.

CTO NATIONALLY & INTERNATIONALLY

Lasantha De Alwis, CTO Director and Head of Operations, attended the Pacific Regional Cybersecurity Workshop held in Vanuatu in partnership with the ITU in late September, which was followed by a CTO Workshop on Critical Information Infrastructure Protection. The event was attended by delegates from Fiji, Kiribati, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Secretary General, Tim Unwin, gave a keynote address at a Cyber Resilience Workshop organised as part of the [World Cities Conference](#) in London on 8th to 10th October. Professor Unwin's presentation examined crafting an integrated and multi-disciplinary approach to a clear and present danger.

Lasantha De Alwis attended the 36th International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners held on 13th to 16th October 2014 in Mauritius where Commonwealth delegates agreed to form their own informal

group called Common Thread Network (CTN) with the CTO providing secretariat functions. The event was attended by over 200 delegates and the Commonwealth meeting was attended by data protection and privacy officials from the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore, Malta, Mauritius, State of Victoria (Australia) and Ghana.

Tim Unwin also gave a keynote speech on ICTs for "development": reclaiming the dark side, to the [Open Development Camp](#) in Amsterdam on 9th to 10th October.



Senior Manager and Head of Membership and Communications Marcel Belingue, and Senior Corporate Communications Officer Srini Srinivasan took part in various events in London as part of the CTO's engagement with industry stakeholders. Events attended included Carriers World UK and a GSMA-hosted technology salon on Data for Development.

Tim Unwin convened a meeting of Commonwealth interested parties at the ICANN51 meeting held in Los Angeles 11th to 16th October, and also attended the first week of the [ITU Plenipotentiary](#) meeting, held in Busan, South Korea 20th October to 7th November.

CTO SECRETARIAT

CTO are pleased to announce the launch of HIGHLIGHTS, a monthly e-newsletter designed to announce key forthcoming events and summarise recent members' news. Please sign up to the newsletter at: communications@cto.int



Ali Pirouze, Senior IT Officer, has been awarded the Chairman's award for Staff Member of the Year. Ali joined the CTO in 2012 and is responsible for providing IT support to

all staff, as well as developing the CTO website. Ali is integral to the workings of the CTO and was recognised for his valuable service by this award, presented at the CTO Council meeting which took place in Dhaka in September.

Congratulations Ali!