



"Promoting, facilitating and supporting members in using ICTs to effective development interventions"

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CTO and partners highly commended by the European Commission for recently concluded we.learn.it project

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About Us

The **CTO** is the oldest and largest Commonwealth membership organisation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), and uses its experience and expertise to support members in using ICTs to deliver effective development interventions that enrich, empower and emancipate all peoples within the Commonwealth and beyond. [more about us](#)

What we do

The **CTO** supports its members in delivering effective ICTs through its three operational divisions: research and consultancy; training and capacity development; and events and conferences. Our work currently focuses on six key areas: regulatory environments, mobile broadband, cybersecurity, youth and ICTs, skills development and entrepreneurship, and ICTs and disability.

Priority Areas

The Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation is the oldest and largest Commonwealth membership organisation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). Its **Strategic Plan** for 2012/13 – 2015/16 identifies **six priority areas** on which it is concentrating its contribution to the use of ICTs for development across the Commonwealth during the plan period. Further information about each theme is available through the links below:

Youth and ICTs

Helping young people have a voice through innovative use of ICTs - a key theme for the Commonwealth



Regulation

Regulatory environments play a crucial role in helping to ensure that markets operate as effectively as possible



Skills development

ICTs can transform education and help play a critical role in skills development and entrepreneurship



ICTs and disability

People with greater disabilities have much more to gain from ICTs than those with fewer disabilities



Cybersecurity

No data are completely secure; how can governments and citizens most effectively manage this?



Mobile broadband

Creating the infrastructure so that broadband connectivity can be anywhere throughout the commonwealth.



A very good platform for all members to share about the security and partnership in Internet Governance.

— [Rafioah Mat Isa, Malaysian Communications & Multimedia Commission](#)

The opportunity to focus and network with thought leaders and active stakeholders in the field was invaluable.

— [Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Vice-Chair of At-Large Advisory Committee, ICANN](#)

The event has been phenomenally enlightening! I am impressed by the level of engagement from Government officials from the highest levels, as well as representation from NGOs, private sector and academia.

— [Gaongaceiwe Mosweu, Communication Manager, BITS](#)