

7TH MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (CTC)

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New Zealand

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1. The Working Group on Identification of Capacity Building Needs (Working Group) was established at the 7th Commission meeting in response to the Performance Review Panel recommendation 202(h). New Zealand agreed to lead the intersessional work to “consolidate a list of capacity building needs and requests identified by Members and CNCPs in order to track progress, prioritise the needs and requests, and facilitate the ability of others to meet them”.
2. The Executive Secretary invited Members to participate in the informal, electronic working group on 24 May 2019 (G34-2019). Responses were received from Australia, European Union, and United States of America.
3. The Working Group is composed of the following members: New Zealand, Australia, European Union, United States of America, and the Secretariat. The members of the Working Group agree that capacity building is an important part of developing an inclusive and productive organisation.
4. A request to communicate capacity building needs was sent by the Chairperson of the Commission to Members and CNCPs on 9 August 2019 (G70-2019). Members and CNCPs were asked to advise the Secretariat of their capacity building needs by 6 September 2019. In support of the intersessional work, the Secretariat agreed to compile these needs into a single document, noting the utility of having these needs consolidated in a single place for consideration by the Commission
5. The Secretariat did not receive any responses by the requested date. Given the lack of self-identification of capacity building needs, the Working Group was unable to fulfil recommendation 202(h). The Working Group agreed that no further intersessional work could take place without identification of capacity building needs.
6. Given the Working Group’s inability to carry out its work in the previous intersessional period, Working Group members recommend that the Commission consider if further work is required to implement the Performance Review Panel’s recommendation 202(h), and if so, what that work should be.
7. The Working Group notes more robust participation in the process by Members and CNCPs would be required to enable the Commission and Secretariat to adequately implement the Performance Review Panel’s recommendation 202(h).