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AICTO

• CREATION

The Arab ICT Organization (AICTO) creation resulted from the will of the Arab States which agreed to have its headquarters in the city of Tunis, the capital of the Republic of Tunisia, with the possibility of having branches in Arab countries.

- Decision N°214 of the Arab League Council at the level of Summit in its ordinary session (13) Amman (the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan), on 27 & 28 March 2001.
- Decision of the Council of the League of Arab States at its (116) meeting on 10 September 2001, related to the approval of creating the Arab ICT Organization.
- Decision of the Economic and Social Council of the Arab League on 12 September 2001 related to the approval of creating the Arab Information and Communication Organization.
- Tunis Declaration issued by the meeting of the Arab Communications Ministers held in Tunis on 29 and 30 October 2001, related to the approval of AICTO creation.

• IDENTIFICATION

The Arab ICT Organization (AICTO) is an Arab governmental organization working under the aegis of the League of Arab States.

It aims at developing ICTs throughout the Arab region and providing the necessary mechanisms to support cooperation and complementarity

between AICTO members, promoting and enriching common policies and strategies to develop vital technological domains.

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• OBJECTIVES

The AICTO aims at :

1. Developing ICTs and providing the necessary mechanisms to reinforce cooperation and complementarity between AICTO members.
2. Promoting and enriching common strategies and policies for ICT development within the Arab region.
3. Unifying and coordinating Arab positions serving their own strategic interest within international organizations.
4. Identifying the Arab needs and skills in the field of ICTs and providing the adequate environment propitious for making partnership relations and fruitful Arab cooperation in the field.
5. Encouraging Arab and foreign ICT investment in the Arab region with further identification of investment opportunities, incentives and available encouragements and facilities in the field.
6. Coordinating the regulators' efforts so as to serve the Arab region needs and

- provide the necessary Arab referencement in the field.
7. Reinforcing the business sector role within the arab countries through encouraging the participation of national communities and structures representing the private sector in all AICTO activities.
 8. Providing the adequate environment to prepare, upgrade and attract Arab ICT skills and experts taking advantage from initiatives and advanced experiences in matter of ICT deployment.
 9. Preparing Arab Societies to the ICT requirements.
 10. Taking advantage of ICT international experiences.

• ACTIVITIES

- Disseminate information about Arab ICT solutions, innovations and software in order to market the relevant Arab production.
- Participate in collecting, filing, and disseminating studies and research related to identifying Arab future needs in the field of ICT.
- Organize periodic exhibitions and conferences to inform about achievements and reinforce cooperation and partnership on the Arab level.
- Promote the exchange of ICT experts between Arab countries.

The scheduled activities will be achieved within the scope of:

- The Arab Strategy for ICTs – building the Information Society 2007-2012 adopted during the Arab World Summit in its 20th ordinary session (Damas, 29-30 March 2008).
- The WSIS recommendations (Geneva, 2003 – Tunis 2005).

For 2008, the following Working Groups have been created:

WG1: Statistical platform on Information Society in the Arab region

WG2: Technological Convergence

WG3: Electronic Certification

WG4: International Roaming

For 2008, and in concordance with Working Groups, the following projects have been adopted:

- Project1 : "Information Society Indicators in the Arab World"
- Project2 : "Mobile TV project"
- Project3 : "Arab PKI Forum"
- Project4 : "International Roaming between Arab Countries"

Future projects will be dealing with :

- E-content
- Development and promotion of scientific research
- Building capacity and e-education
- Cybersecurity.

Membership

Considering the fast pace of development of the ICT sector, regional cooperation has become a priority. For this reason, AICTO will strive as it might for the development of an Arab Information Society by better networking people, creating channels for sharing content, and building more bridges of cooperation that would strengthen the political, economic, social and cultural bonds.

Within this scope, collaborative projects are to be implemented according to the identified regional priorities, using public-private partnerships.

AICTO Member States, Associate Members and Honor Members have access to a number of services, and are able to take part in AICTO activities, namely:

- Conferences and workshops,
- Working groups,
- AICTO newsletter,
- AICTO technical publications, and virtual forums, through “@icto E-Work” into AICTO website.

AICTO EXPENSES ARE MAINLY COVERED BY THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ITS MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

Eligible members are :

1 - MEMBER STATES

Member States: Arab countries members of the League of Arab States.

Official delegates are nominated to represent Members States.

2- ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate members are nominated by the General Assembly upon the proposal of Member States.

Private and public companies active in the ICT sector in Arab countries, namely:

- ICT regulators
- Communication network operators
- Communication Service Providers
- Hardware manufacturers

- Software developers & producers as well as ICT studies and expertise offices
- ICT Associations and Organizations operating within Arab countries
- ICT Research centers and Universities.

3- HONOR MEMBERS

Honor Members are Arab eminent personalities. AICTO awards them this title for their steady support and active contribution to the development of ICT sector within the Arab World.

They are their own representatives within the Organization.

Membership Duties :

- Respect the organization's agreement and its relevant texts.
- Participate actively and professionally in the work of AICTO in the strive to fulfil its objectives.
- Pay their annual subscription fees .

End of Membership :

Membership ends in case of:

- End of the legal quality
- Withdrawal
- Unpaid subscription fees for two successive years

In the last 2 cases, Membership can only be reset after the approval of the GA.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

§ WHO CAN BECOME ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Any ICT entity (Regulatory authority, Telecom operator, Software Development Services companies, manufacturers, specialized advisors & studies offices, universities & research centers, association, company or department) active in the ICT sector in Arab countries.

§ CONDITIONS FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

- that you are capable of and willing to contribute to the development of ICT by active participation in AICTO
- that the AICTO GA approves your candidature.

§ RIGHTS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

As an Associate Member you have the rights to :

- Nominate representatives to the AICTO Working Groups as well as to other ad hoc Task Forces or Studies organized by AICTO.
- Participate in AICTO General Assembly meetings with speaking- but no voting right.
- Get access to the “@icto E-Work” of the AICTO Website: www.aicto.org

§ BENEFITS FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Through these rights you can enjoy the following benefits:

- Networking and exchange of information with thousands of ICT professionals (executives and specialists) throughout the world.
- Getting the latest news about the technological and regulatory development in ICT sector in different parts of the world through participation in the AICTO Committees, and through the website.
- Getting access to data and case stories within the ICT industry, which might save you double or superfluous work.
- Having the possibility of influencing the way that ICT should be promoted in the different parts of the world and the way AICTO positions itself vis-à-vis local, national or supranational authorities.
- Getting your association, company or department and your commodities or services promoted world-wide.
- Providing you with a good forum for personal and professional development of yourself and your key personnel.
- Exposure on an international platform: market your products and services.
- A better knowledge of the Arab region needs,
- The private sector with a vast majority of operators and service providers, hardware and technology suppliers, represents about 80% of AICTO membership.

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§ THE DUTIES OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- Participate actively and professionally in the work of AICTO in the strive to fulfill its Vision and Mission
- Pay an annual subscription fee according to the relevant category (see form).

§ HOW TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Please fill out the application form which you can download through www.aicto.org and forward the completed signed application form to the AICTO Secretary General by letter, fax or as email with "pdf" enclosure.