

Knowledge Network and Multi Sector Partnership Symposium

Event schedule: 21-25 September 2012

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The Middle East North Africa (MENA) Telecentre Network is a virtual network that was formed as a result of partnership with Telecentre.org back in 2008. The working relation with Telecentre.org started earlier in 2006, when Telecentre.org was still a program managed by the International Development Research Centre of Canada. The network is currently being managed from Cairo, Egypt at the headquarters of the Egypt ICT Trust Fund, which is a leading entity supported by United Nations Development Programme of Egypt and the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology. It maintains an Arabic Online Community which has more than 1,500 members, who are mostly individual telecentre leaders from around the Arab speaking MENA region.

Taking advantage of the opportunity and the presence of global and regional telecentre leaders during the Knowledge Network and Multi-Sector Partnership Symposium in Oman on September 21-24, 2012, a meeting of selected telecentre leaders from the Middle East and North Africa region will be conducted mainly to plan for the future of the network.

The meeting will be organized jointly by Telecentre.org Foundation, Information Technology Authority of Oman and the Egypt ICT Trust Fund of UNDP.

Meeting Objectives:

The meeting will be a gathering of selected telecentre leaders in MENA to :

- serve as a platform for knowledge and experience sharing and in engaging more telecentre leaders from the region to actively participate and contribute in the MENA telecentre network's growth and collaborative work ;
- revisit the status of the network and how it can be positioned to better seize the opportunities available in the region;
- develop a work program that will strengthen and expand the network and its membership;

Schedule

21-sept-12	Key speakers arrival
22-sept-12	Key speakers site visit to CKC and WCKC
22-sept-12	ITA's lunch or dinner for key Speakers - Gather to discuss community different aspects
23-sept-12	Knowledge Network and Multi Sector Partnership Symposium starts

Symposium Schedule		
Duration	Agenda	Key Speakers
08:00 - 09:00	Registration of Participants	
09:00-09:35	Opening	MC
10mins	Speech 1: Greeting speech	Dr. Salim Al Ruzaiqi
25mins	Speech 2: Key note speaker (Telecentre.org)	Richard Fuchs
09:35 - 09:45	Coffee Break	
Sessions Schedule		
09:45 - 10:45	Session 1 - Role of Community ICT Centers in Socio-Economic Development	
	Presentation 1.1	
10mins	CITT - CKC and WCKC and other Initiatives	Seema AlKabi
	Presentation 1.2	
10mins	The Role of Telecentres and Telecentre.org Foundation in Social Innovation and Socio-Economic Development of Communities	Mr. Miguel Raimilla
	Presentation 1.3	
10mins	The Regional Telecentre Community	Mr. Karim

	: Status, Role, Plans	Kasim
30mins	Panel discussion 1.4 - Questions will be expected from the audiences	
10:45 - 10:55	Coffee Break	
10:55 - 12:05	Session 2 - CSR and Sustainable Community Development thru ICT	
	Presentation 2.1	
10mins	Gedaref Digital City : Best Practice from Sudan	Mr. Ahmed Eisa
	Presentation 2.2	
10mins	Sustainable Communities and the role of telecentre: The Drishtee Experience	
	Presentation 2.3	
10mins	The importance of public-private sector partnerships for advancing the MDGs	
	Presentation 2.4	
10mins	Telecentre Women Digital Literacy Campaign and the role of PPP	
30mins	Panel discussion 2.5 - Questions will be expected from the audiences	
12:05-12:35	Coffee Break/Prayer time	
12:35 - 01:45 pm	Session 3 - ICT for Disadvantaged Communities and Persons with Disabilities	
	Presentation 3.1	
10mins	The Global Knowledge Network for Disadvantaged Communities	Mr. Georges Younes
	Presentation 3.2	
10mins	ICT and AT for Inclusion and Development of Persons with Disabilities	
		Mr. Nabil Eid

	Presentation 3.3	
10mins	The role and the importance of ICT accessibility for persons with disabilities	Dr. Mohamed JEMNI
	Presentation 3.4	
10mins	ICT can provide better life and job for people with disability and the importance of extending access to ICT to people with disability and special needs.	Susan Carroll Schorr
30mins	Panel discussion 3.5 - Questions will be expected from the audiences	
01:45 - 02:45 PM	Session 4 - Recommendations and closing	Headed by ITA
02:45 - 03:45 PM	Lunch	
07:00-09:00 PM	ITA's dinner for the key speakers	

24-sept-12	MENA Regional Network Telecentre Leaders Meeting	MENA Telecentre Leaders only
25-sept-12	Departure of the speakers	