

**4th Steering Committee Meeting
of the ITU CoEs Network for Arab States**

CoE INPT/ANRT
Rabat/Morocco

Feedback, Problems, and Propositions

Hammamet, Tunisia

13-14 November, 2017

About INPT



- Institut National des Postes et Télécommunications (*since 1961*)
[*National Institute of Telecommunications*]
- Agence Nationale de Réglementation des Télécommunications (ANRT)
[*National Telecommunications Regulatory Agency*]
- **700+ Engineering Students**
(8% exchange students + 17 south-south cooperation)
- **120 Ph.D. Students**
- **80 Faculty Members**
- **60 Management Staff**
- **100+ M.Sc. – (Cbersecurity) (3 years)**
- **20 Professional Master – (Web Technologies/Services)**
- **Casablanca INPT Campus**
(Skills – 500/year – Collaboration with Indian Government)
- **Large campus + Infrastructure (capacity 800+)**

CoE INPT/ANRT



- **Previous format**
 - Trainings in Telecommunication & networks (*interconnexion, spectrum management, regulation aspects, ...*).
 - 3-4 trainings/year.
- **New CoE model/convention**
 - Policies and Regulation
 - 4-5 propositions/year – 1-2 trainings/year!!

Difficulties / Challenges (1/2)

One major change: ITU not covering experts payment/charges in the new CoE convention.

Difficulties:

- **National regulation** ("low" remuneration standards for national experts)
- **International experts** (not allowed by local regulation)
[in undergraduate programs, but not in ITU missions]
- **High overheads** (local 40% off trainings fees + 20% ITU)
- **Lengthy procedure for experts payment/reimbursement**
(certificates, diplomas, ...)

Consequence: Difficulty to maintain a pool of experts.

Difficulties / Challenges (2/2)

Other difficulties:

- Cash payments not allowed by regulation.
- Online registration (not very smooth yet).
- Limited access to bank cards (debit and credit cards).
- Difficulties to make international payments.
- Promotion of the activities.
- Linguistic barrier.

Consequence: Reduced number of participants.

Goal – Propositions

**Figure out a different, more flexible, approach
to cover experts charges/costs**

(under discussion)

Proposition 1:

- Fees payable directly to ITU – Then ITU takes experts charges.
- INPT covers all other aspects: *identifying and contacting experts, all logistics (venue, training classrooms, IT, hardware, ...), transportation, breaks, lunches, social events (if any), ...*

Proposition 2:

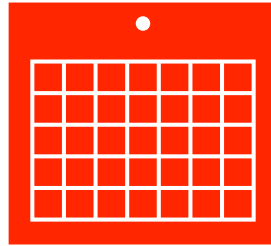
- Consider French-speaking African countries in our CoEs calls/training.
(not only broadcasting calls)
- Creating bi-lateral durable conventions/collaborations.
- Defining a way to strengthen this cooperation.

Example of (capacity building) Success Story

- South-South Cooperation,
- INPT (Morocco) – Many Sub-Saharan Governments,
- Employees (operators, regulators, national agencies, ...) join the Engineering Program
(with a highly-valued Diploma),
- Full-tuition, full-scholarships *(on campus housing, ...),*
- 21 in 3 years – target of 10/year.

- Other assets:
 - Royal Air Maroc covering larger areas in Africa
 - Moroccan banks are more present in Africa
 - ...

Tentative Plan 2018



Event 1:

- Online training – February 2018 – Topic defined.
- Pending questions ...

Event 2:

- Collaborative event (e.g. certified training) – May 2018
- Target: Africa and Arab Region
- Need for sponsor? Input/assistance from ITU?

Training Events 2018:

- To be provided by December 15, 2017.

Thank You

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