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Ensuring access to telecommunications/ICTs, in particular for persons with disabilities

PROPOSED PROJECT-9

“Regional Innovation Center on ICT Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities”

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name: “Regional Innovation Center on ICT Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities”

Project Location (s): Countries in the Arab Region

Project Expected Duration: 2 years

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PROPOSED PROJECT BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The goal of this project is to set up a center to support countries in the region in their efforts to promote ICT accessibility for persons with disabilities. The center will promote the development of accessible ICT tools for Arabic speaking PwDs; (promote internationally adopted standards in the region, and develop skills and knowledge in the areas of ICT accessibility). This would be done through a variety of activities, including training programs, sharing of best practices, creating platforms for exchange of applications and promoting strategies and policies for ICT accessibility and encouraging relevant stakeholders to collaborate on regional projects, providing advisory services in this domain based on demand from countries and supporting innovators in developing ICT tools for PwDs.

PROPOSED PROJECT EXPECTED RESULTS

1. Arab Regional ICT centre for persons with disabilities established.
2. Training curriculum for developers and designers on accessible ICT software, mobile apps and accessible websites developed.
3. Framework for ICT accessibility policies, laws and regulations for the Arab Region based on the ITU Model ICT Accessibility Policy Report developed.
4. Arab ICT developers and designers in different Arab companies, including from start-ups and SMEs trained and received mentoring to enable them to develop accessible software and mobile applications for persons with disabilities in the Arab region.
5. Capacity built among Arab policy makers, regulators, and organizations of persons with special needs on developing and implementing accessible ICT policies, laws and regulations.
6. Awareness sessions and knowledge sharing held with the participation of decision makers and stakeholders from Arab countries
7. Website/Portal for promoting and sharing the project news and outputs
8. Announced winners of ICT for PWDs regional innovation competitions.

PROPOSED PROJECT ESTIMATED BUDGET

- The proposed budget of the project is USD **300,000** and this includes covering the costs of the establishment of the regional center, expert recruitment's, training, travel and some of the key activities of the regional center to launch its activities in the region.

THANK YOU!

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