WTDC 14 Regional Initiative
ICT for Persons with Disabilities

ITU Arab Regional Office

Objectives and Expected Results

Objective:

To ensure the right of access to telecommunications/ICTs for persons with disabilities in the Arab region.

Expected results

Assistance to the countries in the following:

- Formulation and updating of national and regional regulatory policies and frameworks to ensure access for persons with disabilities of all kinds to telecommunications/ICTs, facilitating their involvement in the community and enabling them to enjoy their full rights

- Development of ICT applications and software that enable persons with disabilities to access information, references and other resources for education and leisure, and provision of specialized national and regional applications for libraries, databases and other purposes via the Internet and other telecommunication/ICT media

- Participation of persons with disabilities in Arab workshops, training courses and conferences, by providing all the requirements and facilities and removing all the obstacles.

PROPOSED THREE YEARS ACTION PLAN

2015 Activities

Expected Results

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Participation of persons with disabilities in Arab workshops, training courses and conferences, by providing all the requirements and facilities and removing all the obstacles.

Activities

- Organize a kickoff workshop to launch activities in this RI (Egypt, 20-21 April 2015)
- Translate and publish and share ITU Model ICT Accessibility Policy report

- Formulate and launch project to establish a regional innovation center on Accessibility
- Develop online curriculum for the ITU Model ICT Accessibility Policy modules for delivery through ITU Academy

- Prepare guidelines on accessibility of PWDs to workshops, training courses, and conferences

2016 Activities

Expected Results

Formulation and updating of national and regional regulatory policies and frameworks to ensure access for persons with disabilities of all kinds to telecommunications/ICTs, facilitating their involvement in the community and enabling them to enjoy their full rights

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Participation of persons with disabilities in Arab workshops, training courses and conferences, by providing all the requirements and facilities and removing all the obstacles.

Activities

- Online training provided on ITU Model ICT Accessibility Policy modules

- Organize workshop on developing and maintaining accessible government websites
- Establish regional innovation center on Accessibility
- Organize a competition to develop accessible apps for persons with disabilities

- Promotion of the developed guidelines

2017 Activities

Expected Results

Formulation and updating of national and regional regulatory policies and frameworks to ensure access for persons with disabilities of all kinds to telecommunications/ICTs, facilitating their involvement in the community and enabling them to enjoy their full rights

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Participation of persons with disabilities in Arab workshops, training courses and conferences, by providing all the requirements and facilities and removing all the obstacles.

Activities

- Organize a wrap up regional workshop
- Assist countries to develop ICT Accessibility policies

- Promote and sustain activities of the regional innovation center on Accessibility
- promote applications developed by participants in the competition and organize a second round of the competition if successful

- Organize a workshop for regional organizations and administration on the developed guidelines on accessibility of PWDs to workshops, training courses, and conferences

Estimated Budget

Activities	Estimated Budget USD	Prospective Stakeholders
workshops	100,000	
Reports and guidelines	40,000	
Training Curriculas	100,000	ministries of ICT, health, education and labour, national ICT regulatory authorities, regulators, operators, organizations of persons with disabilities, other UN agencies, NGOs, broadcasters and emergency call centres
Apps Competitions	50,000	
Regional Project	100,000	
Total	**390,000**	

Expected KPIs

Expected results	Output to be Achieved by 2017	Key Performance indicators
Formulation and updating of national and regional regulatory policies and frameworks to ensure access for persons with disabilities of all kinds to telecommunications/ICTs, facilitating their involvement in the community and enabling them to enjoy their full rights	ITU Model ICT Accessibility Policy modules published, translated and promoted	Number of people trained on the ITU Model ICT Accessibility Policy modules
Development of ICT applications and software that enable persons with disabilities to access information, references and other resources for education and leisure, and provision of specialized national and regional applications for libraries, databases and other purposes via the Internet and other telecommunication/ICT media	• Regional innovation center for ICT accessibility • Regional competition(s)	• Regional innovation center for accessibility established • Number of accessible apps developed through the regional competition(s)
Participation of persons with disabilities in Arab workshops, training courses and conferences, by providing all the requirements and facilities and removing all the obstacles	Guidelines on PWDs participation in workshops, training courses and conferences	Guidelines developed and promoted

THANK YOU

Open Discussion