



## ITU Regional Workshop on ICTs for Women's Empowerment in the Arab Region

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### Recommendations

- 1) To establish a Permanent Committee for the Arab Women and ICT under the umbrella of the Arab Women Organization.
- 2) To request ITU-ARO to support the establishment of the Permanent Committee for the Arab Women and ICT, in order to activate it and to communicate with the International Society.
- 3) To organize Girls in ICT Day events on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every April, and on 26 April 2012, to invite young women and girls into ICT companies and government offices to learn about the opportunities a career in ICTs provides in line with [ITU Plenipotentiary Resolution 70](#) (Guadalajara, 2010).
- 4) To encourage Arab countries to enrich the Girls in ICT Portal by encouraging any organizations that have programs in the Arab region to upload them to the portal at [www.girlsinict.org](http://www.girlsinict.org) and by nominating successful Arab women in the ICT sector that could be profiled on the Portal by contacting [girlsinict@itu.int](mailto:girlsinict@itu.int).
- 5) To request the Arab countries to propose projects related to the Arab Women and ICT, in order to submit it to the Connect Arab States Summit, which is planned to take place in Doha-Qatar, 5-7 March 2012, for resource mobilization.
- 6) To hold such workshop every two years, focusing on the issues of Arab Women and ICT.
- 7) To create a regional database for the Arab Women to be shared among all Arab countries (The possibility to be hosted on the AWO Portal).
- 8) To work on developing an Arab Digital Content for the empowering of Women in all the main fields of ICT.
- 9) To raise awareness on the stories of success of Arab Women and ICT.
- 10) To include the issue of Women and ICT in the policies, strategies and work plans related with the Information Society and knowledge society.

- 11) To request Arab countries to start by at least integrating ICT questions in the households surveys and to collect national statistics and indicators on Women in ICT and decision-making for measuring and benchmarking.
- 12) To request Arab countries to support the efforts of ITU and the partnership harmonizing indicators and encouraging countries to measure ICT usage disaggregated by gender.
- 13) To encourage the Governmental and non-Governmental entities to collect the data related to these indicators.
- 14) To encourage Arab countries to create monitoring mechanisms to assess the readiness, use and impact of ICTs in Women lives, by following recommendations on harmonized measurement proposed at the global level, especially via households surveys.
- 15) ICT is considered as an assistance tool to empower Women in the social, cultural and economic fields of life and it is very important to benefit from the ICT applications and technologies and develop applications, services and contents that serve Arab Women empowerment.
- 16) ICT offers various opportunities for work and development for the Arab Women and it is necessary to raise awareness among the society members in particular the girls on these various opportunities.
- 17) To raise awareness campaigns about the benefit of the digital divides which serves not only economically or technologically but also culturally, ethically and develop Arabic content which serves the local ideas, wants and needs within the broad spectrum of sociology-mosaic.
- 18) To establish a continuous agenda for training Program and capacity building as ToTs (trainer-the-trainers) and to girls to study and to be involved in ICT domain, to train parents to encourage their daughters in studying and running business in/using ICT.
- 19) The Arab Women Community needs to formulate national and regional policy and long and short terms strategy on Information and Communications Technology which in turn will promote sustainable economic development and support the transformation towards information based economy with focusing on women mass in promoting this strategy.
- 20) To encourage women entrepreneurs, inventors and innovators in ICT by providing them with small loans or grants facilities.

- 21) To minimize the stereotypes impacts that do not encourage girls from entering science and technology career and reinforced that within the family, at school, in the media, and in society.
- 22) To strengthen the capacity of rural women in the Arab region in terms of ICTs.