



ARAB INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES ORGANIZATION

*Towards a Sustainable Arab Digital Society*



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# About AICTO

- The Arab ICT Organization «AICTO» is a specialized Arab governmental organization working under the aegis of the league of Arab States, located in Tunis, and has been operational since 1st January 2008.
- AICTO creation resulted from the will of the Arab States to contribute to the development of ICTs and providing the necessary mechanisms to reinforce cooperation between its members while promoting and enriching common strategies and policies to ensure an equitable access to ICT to all Arab citizens.

# Our mission

- Providing an open platform for ICT Multi-stakeholders (Public sector, Private sector, Civil Society and specialized bodies) for **dialogue, experience & expertise sharing** and for **technological knowledge transfer**.



## AICTO's Vision

Towards a harmonious Arab digital society based on the creativity and innovation, boosting the Arab-Interregional complementarity and contributing efficiently to the development of the global sustainable digital economy

# Our Strategic goals

AICTO-SG 1

- Ensuring the transition of Arab countries to the All-Digital and enabling Arab Citizens to benefit from innovative digital services

AICTO-SG 2

- Achieving the Arab complementarity and bridging the digital gap within the Arab region

AICTO-SG 3

- Unifying and coordinating Arab positions serving their own strategic interest within international organizations/at the international level

AICTO-SG 4

- Boosting the Arab countries' contribution to the implementation of sustainable development goals 2030 while enhancing their inclusion in the global digital economy

# AICTO's Strategic vision



# Our Members

## Member States

- The Arab ICT Organization “AICTO” creation resulted from the will of the Arab States, and under the decision n° 1436 of the Social and Economic Council of the League of Arab States in its sixty ninth session (69) issued on 13/2/2002.
- AICTO creation agreement entered into force on 17/09/2005, and its membership is open to the Arab States members of the League of Arab States.

# Our Members

## Associate Members

- Private and public companies active in the ICT sector, namely :
  - ICT regulators
  - Communication network operators
  - Communication Service Providers
  - Hardware manufacturers
  - Software developers & producers as well as ICTs studies and expertise offices
  - ICT Associations and organizations operating within Arab countries
  - ICT Research centers and Universities

# Our Members

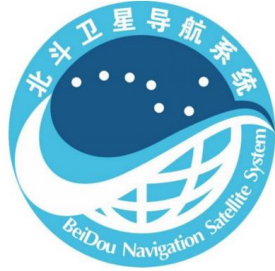
## Associate Members

- ▶ So far we AICTO has the following companies as associate members amongst others





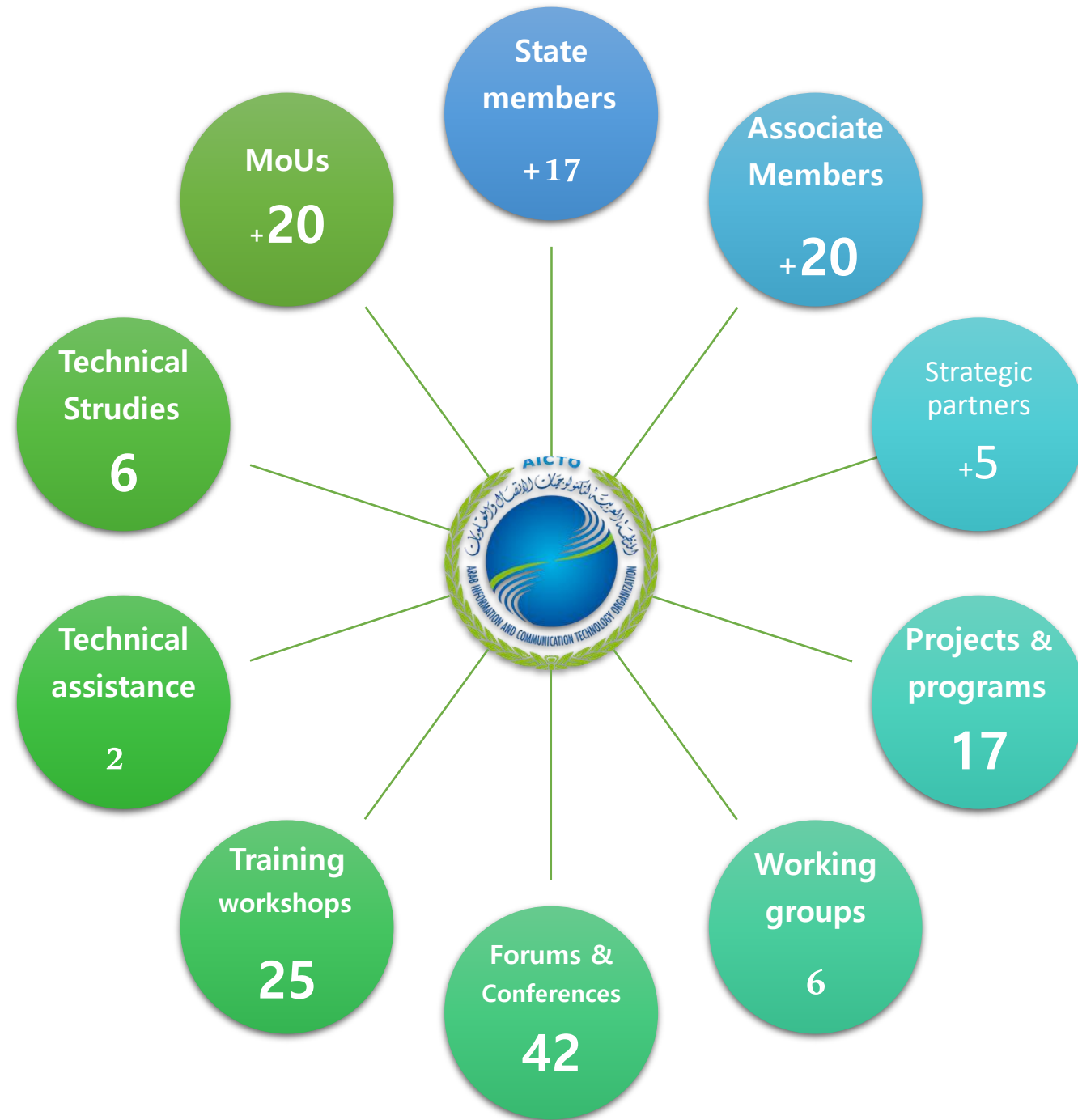
# Our Strategic partners



## More than one reason to be AICTO's Strategic partner

Please refer to the membership document to learn more about benefits to be our strategic partner

# AICTO in Numbers



# AICTO endeavors towards achieving the SDGs 2030

- Since its role revolves around the exchange and share of knowledge in the ICT field between its members from the Arab region and with the potential stakeholders worldwide while keeping up with the digital transformation and innovation, and in order to strengthen the interregional connections and joint work, AICTO has been always the commitment to joint the regional and international efforts towards the implementation of the WSIS and SDGs

# AICTO endeavors towards achieving the SDGs 2030

## Member States



# AICTO's endeavors towards achieving the SDGs 2030

**Strategic Goal (4) : Boosting the Arab countries' contribution to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 while enhancing their inclusion in the global digital economy**

## **Main components:**

- Supporting efforts aiming to integrate Arab countries into the global digital economy
- Promoting and strengthening the contribution of Arab countries to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030
- Appraising all Arab ICT initiatives and contributions designed for that end

# AICTO's endeavors towards achieving the SDGs 2030

- **[SDG 1] NO POVERTY**

AICTO actions :

- Project “Promotion of e-accessibility within the Arab region”
- Awareness activities

- **[SDG 2] ZERO HUNGER**

AICTO actions :

- Project : “ICTs for a Sustainable Agricultural Development in the Arab Region”
- Initiative : « Interregional Smart Agriculture Forum » (ISAF)
- IoT4Sag Award
- Studies & Awareness activities

- **[SDG 4] QUALITY EDUCATION**

AICTO actions :

- Project “Connecting schools in the Arab Least Developed Countries”
- Launching Huawei Seeds for the Future Program throughout the Arab region

# AICTO's endeavors towards achieving the SDGs 2030

- **[SDG 5] GENDER EQUALITY**

AICTO actions :

- Project : "Arab Women empowerment through ICT"
- Project : E-souq for Arab handcrafts women

- **[SDG 8] DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**

AICTO actions :

- Project : "Arab Youth Empowerment through ICT"
- WG + Studies + awareness activities

- **[SDG 9] INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

AICTO actions :

- Project : "Arab-African e-Certification Authorities Network - AAECANet"
- Project : China-Arab States BDS/GNSS Excellence center in AICTO
- Project : "Promoting Cloud Computing in the Arab Region"
- WGs + Studies + Awareness activities

# AICTO's endeavors towards achieving the SDGs 2030

- **[SDG 11] PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**

AICTO actions :

- Project : “Arab Digital Investment and Business Map”
- Capacity building activities, studies, forums
- Cooperation agreements



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## Last achievements



**1<sup>st</sup> First Interregional Standardization Forum for PKI and eTrust**

11/12 December 2017, Muscat – Sultanate of Oman



**Official Opening of the Center of Excellence "China-Arab BDS/GNSS Center-AICTO"**

10 April 2018, Tunis –Republic of Tunisia



**1st inter-regional smart agriculture forum - ISAF**

24-26 September 2018, Khartoum, Republic of Sudan



**2<sup>nd</sup> ICT & Investment forum**

3-4 December 2018, Baghdad, republic of Iraq



**New Strategic partnership between AICTO, the Tunisian MCTDE and Huawei**

3rd of January 2019, Tunis –Republic of Tunisia



**Awards Ceremony for the Best Arab Digital Banks**

08 mars 2019 - Tunisia – Tunisia

08 March 2019, Tunis, Republic of Tunisia

# AICTO's endeavors towards achieving the SDGs 2030

## Upcoming events

- **The Second China-Arab States BDS Cooperation Forum**  
Cooperation · Applications · Services  
1 & 2 April 2019 | Tunis – Republic of Tunisia
- **2<sup>nd</sup> edition « Interregional Standardization Forum for PKI & e-Trust »**  
“Boosting interregional collaboration for better trustworthy digital economies”  
4 & 5 April 2019 | Tunis – Republic of Tunisia

# The way forward

- AICTO strongly believes on the benefits of international cooperation and partnerships and it embraces the following quote to become the slogan of its “International Cooperation” plan : “Alone we go fast, together we go far”
- We believe that with the good will and strong cooperation frameworks we can go beyond our expectations, we can go far and fast towards providing adequate mechanisms to share best practices and keep up with the rising technological trends for the mutual progress and prosperity.

# The way forward





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