

Regional Training-of-Trainers Workshop

Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders in the ESCWA Region

UN-House, Beirut, 24-27 August 2015



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION NOTE

1- Background: The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), represented by the ICT Policies Section of the Technology for Development Division, is organizing the Regional Training-of-Trainers (TOT) Workshop within the implementation of the [Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders in the ESCWA Region](#) (AIGLE). The workshop will encompass training on the following four training modules (Arabic):

- (1) Linkage between ICT and Development
- (2) ICT4D Policy, Process and Governance
- (3) e-Government/e-Governance: Strategies, Policies and Applications
- (4) Internet Governance

The project aims to assist policymakers in Arab countries to build capacities in the area of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Development, in order to reduce barriers to ICT adoption and promote the application of ICT in accelerating socioeconomic development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals as well as the Sustainable Development Goals. It builds upon lessons learned and achievements of a similar academy that was launched in 2008 in Korea by the [Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development](#) (APCICT), within the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

ESCWA prepared the aforementioned four training modules within this project, the themes of which were based on a regional survey and needs assessment in the area of ICT for Development; and seeks to disseminate these modules in the Arab region through organizing regional and sub-regional training-of-trainers sessions and workshops. The project also aims at enhancing the capacity of national partners, mainly public administration teaching institutions, information technology or e-Government authorities and agencies, as well as paving the way for the development of training programmes (including new training modules) through promoting the participation of concerned and interested national institutions and individuals and ownership of the process, towards maximizing the impact and sustainability of the Academy. ESCWA has organized the first training of trainers workshop during 8 – 12 June, 2015, at the United Nations House in Beirut. 43 experts in the field of ICT for development from 11 Arab countries attended the workshop. Among them 31 experts are to become trainers on AIGLE modules in their countries, in addition to seven national coordinators of the project and seven experts who have contributed in review the training modules.

Currently, an online training platform is under development to host content on the AIGLE project and the training modules to be accessible to all stakeholders. Collaborative partnerships are being initiated with various entities, including national governmental and academic institutions related to public administration.

2- Objectives: The main objectives of the workshop are as follows:

- (a) Train the trainers nominated by the Arab countries on the four modules;
- (b) Present the training packages for the four modules to all participants in the workshop;
- (c) Conduct discussions on national plans for the participating countries towards the national roll-out of the project.

3- Topics: The workshop will cover the themes of the four modules, and participating experts will discuss the case studies selected from the Arab region; and a closing session will be held to discuss the national training plans and the proposed mechanisms for follow up on these plans and utilization of the project's online training platform.

4- Outcome: The workshop will train a number of trainers from each of the participating Arab countries, and provide them with the training package needed to conduct the training for the various public administrations at the national level.

5- Participants: Participants in the workshop include high-level experts who have either prepared or reviewed the four training modules, and experts nominated by the participating institutions as well as the focal points from the participating Arab countries.

6- Organisation, venue and dates: ESCWA is organizing the workshop during 24-27 August 2015, at the UN-House, Riad el Solh Sqr, Beirut, Lebanon.

7- Working language: The workshop will use Arabic as the working language in its training sessions.

8- Additional information: Inquiries can be sent to escwa-aigle@un.org and additional information are available through:

Arabic:

<http://www.escwa.un.org/information/meetingdetailsAR.asp?referenceNUM=3668a>

English:

<http://www.escwa.un.org/information/meetingdetails.asp?referenceNUM=3668e>