



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Promotion of Internet Coordination Activities

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Whereas the RIPE NCC is a not-for-profit association with an objective to perform coordination activities for the support of the stable operation of the Internet;

Whereas AICTO is a specialised Arab organization working under the aegis of the League of Arab States that works with all stakeholders in the Middle East and African regions and other international partners to develop the ICT industry throughout the Arab region through dialogue, experience and expertise sharing and technical knowledge transfer;

The undersigned AICTO and RIPE NCC (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" or individually as the "Party") wish to commit to ongoing collaboration for the promotion of Internet coordination activities to support the development of the Internet industry in the Middle East region and, insofar as AICTO is involved, the African region.

For the purposes of this collaboration:

- 1) The Parties will cooperate on Internet development, including organising relevant training courses, meetings, conferences and workshops.
- 2) The Parties will promote RIPE Meetings, initiatives and projects within the Arab region and, insofar as AICTO is involved, African Internet communities so that the latter take part in and benefit from these.
- 3) The Parties will promote RIPE Atlas to provide more Internet analytical tools and data for local, regional and global communities.
- 4) The Parties will collaborate to encourage cooperation, experience sharing and technical knowledge transfer between the Arab and African Internet communities.





- 5) The Parties will promote RIPE NCC capacity development activities and Certified Professionals and make this certification program available to Internet industry professionals in the Arab and African regions.
- 6) The RIPE NCC will become an AICTO member and support AICTO with technical knowledge, including awareness raising around IPv6 and its importance to digital transformation and the Arab digital economy.

This MoU and the collaboration described are independent from other collaboration efforts the RIPE NCC may undertake or commit to in its service region and beyond.

The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that this MoU is non-binding and does not create any obligations under the law.

The MoU shall enter into force when signed by both Parties and shall run until 31 December 2023. After this date, the MoU shall be automatically extended by one year at a time unless one of the Parties gives notice to the other Party at least six months before the scheduled termination date of its intention not to extend the MoU.

The MoU may be amended, upon agreement by both Parties, at any time.

Managing Director RIPE NCC

Place: Palace of the Parliament-

Bucharest Romania

Date: 28 September 2022

Signature:

Mohameth Ben Amor

Director General AICTO

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