

COURSE PROGRAM OF CITEL FOR THE YEAR 2021

The 37 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL),

CONSIDERING:

- a. The Manual of Procedures for the Scholarship and Training Programs of the Organization of American States;
- b. That, in the framework of the Professional Development Program for 2021, the Regional Training Centers of CITEL shall be submitting proposals for courses during the first quarter of 2021; and
- c. That the results of the Competition of the OAS Professional Development Scholarship Program are not as yet available, nor is there any information about the budget available for scholarships in 2021,

ACKNOWLEDGING:

That, through the Regional Training Centers of CITEL and the Center of Excellence of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), effective training on telecommunications/ICT is enabled,

RESOLVES:

1. To empower CITEL's Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources, in coordination with the CITEL Secretariat, to: (a) select, on the basis of the budget available for scholarships, the higher training priority courses of the member states; (b) schedule the dates for the courses to comply with the rules of the Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment of the General Secretariat of the OAS; and c) to increase or re-allocate the amounts of the scholarships provided.
2. To establish that, when the Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment of the General Secretariat of the OAS invites applications to the OAS Professional Development Scholarship Program for 2021, CITEL's Coordination Center shall participate in those cases where the institutes are interested in sharing the costs pertaining to the scholarships in accordance with the conditions of the OAS.
3. To hold virtual sessions on topical issues of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICT).
4. To urge the Administrations to submit applicants for the scholarships that shall be offered for the program of courses for 2021 in order to take advantage of the opportunities being provided.
5. To thank the Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment of the General Secretariat of the OAS for the continued and outstanding support provided for the dissemination of CITEL courses and to urge it to give the utmost priority to scholarships that are granted in coordination

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with the CITEL Secretariat, taking into account that telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICT) have been recognized as supporting the integral and sustainable development of the Americas, under the principles of universality, equity, and affordability.

6. To thank the *ITU Regional Office for the Americas*, which through the Centers of Excellence of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the ITU Academy has substantially built up its cooperation with the CITEL Secretariat, awarding 169 scholarships this year to CITEL Member States, and to continue collaborating with the CITEL to increase the number of courses and scholarships for CITEL member states in 2021.

7. To thank the *Internet Society (ISOC)* for granting the 309 distance scholarships on Community Networks and continuing to strengthen the efforts of ISOC and CITEL in terms of training by granting scholarships to CITEL/OAS Member States as a follow-up of the commitment assumed with the 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas and in line with its goal of “*Promoting the open development, evolution and use of the Internet to benefit all people of the entire world.*”

8. To thank *CCATLAT* for granting 890 scholarships during 2020 for professional improvement on current issues through the Webinar modality with courses of interest to the OAS/CITEL Member States and for continuing to work together to organize monthly webinars with important current issues for CITEL members.

9. To thank *CITIC-Ecuador* for granting 976 scholarships during 2020 for professional improvement on current issues through the Webinar modality and for continuing to implement joint capacity-building activities in the region through the 2030 ICT Alliance and the Rural Women’s Alliance signed this year, making it possible to continue offering courses/scholarships on topics of interest for years to come.

10. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL:

a. To support as required CITEL’s Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources.

b. To ensure the dissemination of these courses as widely as possible.

c. To develop, with CITEL’s Regional Training Centers, training activities on telecommunications/ICT, in accordance with the priorities of CITEL’s Permanent Consultative Committees, in order to meet the region’s needs. He is especially instructed to look for synergies and the development of courses in 2020 to promote the broader participation of the countries of Central American and the Caribbean.