

COM/CITEL RES. 329 (XLI-23)⁴

COURSE PROGRAM OF CITEL FOR THE YEAR 2024

The 41 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 2024, the Regional Training Centers of CITEL shall be submitting proposals for courses during the first semester of 2024; 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 2024,

ACKNOWLEDGING:

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

RESOLVES:

1. To empower the Working Group on Capacity Building and Human Resources Development, 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 2024, 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 2024 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 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 Academy Training Centers of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the ITU Academy has substantially built up its cooperation with the CITEL Secretariat, and continuing joint efforts to increase the courses and scholarships offered for the Americas region.
7. To thank “*CCATLAT*” for granting scholarships through the series of monthly virtual seminars. In addition to continuing its strengthening and joint work for capacity building and career development on current topics that are relevant for the members of CITEL.
8. To thank “*CITIC-Ecuador*” for granting scholarships through short seminars and for continuing to implement joint capacity-building activities in the region through the commitments taken on in the 2030 ICT Alliance and the Rural Women’s Alliance, making it possible to continue offering updating talks on topics of interest for the region.
9. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL:
 - a. To support, as required, the Working Group on Capacity Building and Human Resources Development.
 - b. To disseminate these courses as widely as possible, including via CITEL’s website.
 - c. To develop, with CITEL’s Regional Training Centers, the schedule of training activities on telecommunications/ICT, in the first quarter of 2024, in accordance with the priorities of CITEL’s Permanent Consultative Committees, in order to meet the region’s needs. The Executive Secretary is especially instructed to seek synergies and the development of courses to promote broader participation and with focus on youth, women, newcomers, and countries of Central America and the Caribbean.
 - d. Invite CITEL members to share their training needs so that the Working Group can consider this information in preparing the course/scholarship program for 2024.