

ITU CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE  
NETWORK FOR THE ARAB REGION

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REPORT OF THE  
VIRTUAL MID-YEAR 5<sup>TH</sup> STEERING COMMIT-  
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ITU Arab Centres of Excellence

The virtual mid-year Steering Committee meeting for the ITU Arab Centres of Excellence (CoE) Network organized by ITU and held virtually on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 was attended by more than 40 participants including members from Centres of Excellence (CoEs), ITU member states as observers as well as ITU Secretariat. The list of participants is as attached to this report (see Annex 1).

Mr. Adel M. Darwish (Regional Director for Arab Regional Office, BDT/ITU), welcomed the participants to the Steering Committee meeting and thanked CoEs for being able to continue delivering training during this most difficult year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He highlighted the main objective of the meeting, which is to provide information on the implementation of training courses during the past 6 months, and to present and approve the training courses planned for the next 4 6 months of 2021.

He urged the Steering Committee members to reflect on issues and reasons for cancellation and postponement training courses and come up with plans to reduce these in the remaining half of the year.

He acknowledged that it is still a difficult journey to change from the traditional in-person

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Eng. Mustafa Almahdi (Capacity and Skills Development Regional Focal Point), gave an overview of the training activities implemented by the CoEs in Q1&2 2021. He presented to the SC members that from 25 trainings planned for 2021; CoEs implemented only 7 trainings so far that had 249 registered and 57 certified participants. He stressed that the region is not doing well looking at the implementation status for the first

How to Assess Your Products Carbon Footprint	face-to- face	24-27 May	19- Jul- 21	23- Jul- 21				
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ISO 26000 CSR* (added in 2021 but not part of 2020 plan)	online	11-15 Oct	1-Nov-21	5-Nov-21	New Planned
Environmental Regulation* (added in [REDACTED])	online		15-Nov-21	19-Nov-21	New









CITET	Application of GIS in environmental management and resources protection (level 2)	online	4-Oct-21	8-Oct-21	Planned
CITET	Environmental Impact Assessment	online	8-Oct-21	22-Oct-21	Planned
	Implementation of a Management System for Sustainable Development in Communities (MSSDC) based on ISO 37101 standard	online	6-Dec-21	10-Dec-21	New Planned

















