



ITU CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE NETWORK OF THE AMERICAS REGION

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1. INTRODUCTION AND OPENING

The mid-year virtual Steering Committee review meeting for the ITU Americas Centres of Excellence (AMS CoEs) was held on 31 August 2021. This was organized as a virtual meeting with Steering Committee members connected via Zoom. The convening of the meeting had been agreed during the 1st Steering Committee meeting, which was held from 14 - 15 February 2019. The meeting was organized by

He also recognized the work done by Mrs. Alicia Cuba of ANTEL, Uruguay, a very dear and dedicated person and mourned her passing.

The Chair of the meeting, Ms. Andrea Grippa thanked ITU for organizing this mid-year SC meeting, invited ITU to continue providing support to CoEs and highlighted the importance of capacity building for the ICT sector in the Americas. She thanked members of the SC and commended CoEs' work and efforts to continue delivering trainings despite having gone through the most difficult and challenging times due the COVID-19 pandemic. She also recognized that this crisis provided an opportunity for CoEs to accelerate the adoption of the online trainings.

The head of Capacity and Digital Skills Development, Ms. Susan Teltscher welcomed participants and mourned the passing of Ms. Alicia Cuba of ANTEL, Uruguay and offered her condolences to the family. Ms. Teltscher highlighted that the pandemic has had an impact on the training activities and recognized the efforts of the CoEs to cope with the situation. She referred to the main objectives of the SC meeting and recalled that this is the third year of the current cycle where CoEs have the opportunity to express their ideas, concerns, review the 8 months of implementation and evaluate what should be improved as well as to agree in the training e Ce.nce improv] (tu)5 (ni)r bj rffT.] (tu)5 (nhjM(a)-1 (i)-1)-2.45 (the

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INICTEL-UNI had two trainings planned for the first semester of 2021. The course "*Análisis Forense Digital*" initially planned for April was rescheduled twice due to lack of participants and it was implemented from July 19 to August 19, 2021 with 7 participants. The course "*Sistema de Gestión de Seguridad de la Información*" has been postponed for the second semester for the same reason and it is intended to be implemented.

Current status INICTEL-UNI:

Training topic	Original date	Implemented (Y/N)	New date	N. participants	End of training report
Análisis Forense Digital	1 APRIL	Y	19 JULY	7	Received

UTPL planned two courses for the second semester of the year. They highlighted that the country has faced presidential elections, authority changes and Covid19 continues to be an issue. For these reasons and the lack of participants, both training courses were rescheduled for October and November respectively and intended to be implemented.

Current status UTPL:



The Chair of the meeting invited the Mr. Robles to give an overview of the Quality Assurance Process introduced by CSD.. The presentation focused on the roles and responsibilities of both ITU and CoEs. He highlighted that the QA was developed for ITU to join efforts and keep the quality of the CoEs and make sure that the participants obtain the best of both ITU and CoEs. He explained the steps to be followed once the CoE submits the course Outline. First, it should be sent to the Americas Regional Office, where content is analyzed according to the regional demands, then the AMS RO will send it to the thematic priority coordinator for the outline to be analyzed, make recommendations if necessary or offer some material according to past experiences. The course outline comes backs to the CoE to add the comments and adjust the material accordingly, then it should be submitted to ITU to prepare the final outline. Mr. Robles recalled that the QA was developed in 2020 and approved by the CoEs. He also underlined that the process should be carried out before the next SC.-n

need or issue that may arise. She encouraged the CoEs to approach Mr. Robles, capacity Developer to talk about what is taking place in the Americas region.

UBP underlined that some organizations might be unaware of the value that ITU brings and recommended for this purpose to prepare a strategy in order to have regulators, service providers closer to ITU and CoEs through webinars. This would give the opportunity to offer the training courses and at the same time listen to their concerns. UTPL concurred with UBP

d. The overall achievement of learning outcomes. Face-to-face or Online?

UBP shared that participants should have the opportunity to apply what they have learned through concrete deliverables. The Hackathon was a good example. Participants were highly motivated to apply their knowledge.

INICTEL-UNI concurred with UBP and underlined that technology plays an important role in today's society and blended learning has come to stay. Also, pointed up the importance to develop pedagogy

Ms. Teltscher, Head of CSD, thanked all involved in the SC meeting and underlined the importance to hear the issues from each CoE. She recognized the difficulty to carry out the courses during the pandemic.

Annex 1

Table of training courses for the period September to December 2021

COURSE DESCRIPTION	CoE	DATE	PRICE US \$
Internet de las Cosas: conceptos y aplicaciones *	UBP	13 SEP– 10 OCT	220
Sistema de Gestión de Seguridad de la Información	INICTEL	18 OCT– 18 NOV	150
Conocer 4G	INATEL	20 - 26 SEP	0
Tecnología Celular 4G – LTE	INATEL	27 SEP– 12 DIC	200
Conceptos generales de 5G y de las tecnologías relacionadas	ANTEL	04– 29 OCT	150
Seguridad en entornos IoT *	UBP	04 OCT – 31 OCT	200
e-Gobierno y e-Gobernanza en Ciudades Inteligentes	UTPL	04 OCT– 05 NOV	125
Innovación Abierta	UBP	11 OCT- 07 NOV	160
Del IoT a la Analítica de Datos	UBP	11 OCT- 07 NOV	180
Principales casos del uso de la tecnología 5G e IoT	INATEL	25 - 31 OCT	0
5G e IoT: tendencias y aplicaciones	INATEL	01 NOV - 12 DEC	150