

PCC.I/RES. 259 (XXVII-15)¹

**CALL FOR AWARDS AND AWARD RULES
"ICTs TO PREVENT AND ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"**

The XXVII meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC. I),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That recognizing the best contributions and examples of leadership with respect to the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to support the prevention and eradication of violence against women, is an ideal option to encourage the execution of measures that will contribute to this objective;
- b) That, according to the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI) and the Inter-American Commission of women (CIM), its Technical Secretariat, the figures of violence, which continue to victimize women and girls, are alarming. In all its manifestations, violence continues to be part of the daily lives of women and girls throughout the continent;
- c) That, according to the study "New century, old disparities" of the Inter-American Development Bank, Latin American women earn on average 17% less than men. However, in some countries this difference is more marked;
- d) That it is of utmost importance to strengthen the ability to provide comprehensive monitoring of the exercise of the rights of women in the Region, taking into consideration the work carried out by the CIM;
- e) Resolution 70 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the ITU, "Mainstreaming a gender perspective in ITU and promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women through information and communication technologies", mentions the promotion of gender equality in ICT/telecommunications, recommending action on policies and programs with the objective of improving the socio-economic conditions of women;
- f) Resolution 55 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of the WTDC points out that the incorporation of a gender policy in the ITU and join efforts to eliminate inequality regarding the access to and use of telecommunications/ICTs for the benefit of a non-discriminatory and egalitarian information society;
- g) Resolution PCC.I/RES. 243 (XXVI-15) entitled "Collaboration request between CITEL and the Inter-American Commission of Women to address issues related to the benefit of the use of ICTs as tools for the empowerment of women, particularly to prevent and eradicate violence against women" of the XXVI meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, which resolves to recognize and reward, within the framework of PCC.I, the best contributions and examples of leadership regarding the use of technology to contribute to the prevention and eradication of violence against women;

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RECOGNIZING:

- a) That violence against girls and women is an offense against human dignity and a violation of human rights, which undermines the development of countries, creates instability in societies, and impedes progress toward justice and peace;
- b) That ICTs are tools that can contribute to foster gender equality and women empowerment and help in the prevention and eradication of violence against them. However, they can also enable new forms of violence against women;
- c) The importance of greater efforts in the Americas Region to achieve the eradication of violence against women;
- d) That ICTs are tools with regional and worldwide impact within any sphere, and, therefore, their use for purposes such as the prevention and eradication of violence against women is a fundamental step forward in the region;

RESOLVES:

- 1. To approve the Call for Awards and Award Rules on **"ICTs TO PREVENT AND ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"**
- 2. To approve the three best projects selected by the Evaluation Committee, so they can be presented to the other Administrations in the Region during the XXIX meeting of the PCC.I of CITEI.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CITEI:

- 1. To communicate the content of the Call for Awards on **"ICTs TO PREVENT AND ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"** to the Administrations of the Member States of the Organization of American States, as well as the Associate Members of CITEI during the XXVIII meeting of PCC.I, to be held in March 2016.
- 2. To make the corresponding coordination efforts with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in order to establish a critical path to define the logistics for the submission and publication of the Call for Awards tentatively in the month of March 2016.
- 3. To manage the promotion and dissemination of the Awards on **"ICTs TO PREVENT AND ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"** through different media, including electronic, to introduce the Call for Awards and Award Rules.
- 4. To invite the Associate Members of CITEI to participate by means of sponsorships that facilitate the logistics and other aspects of the awards ceremony.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 259 (XXVII-15)

CALL FOR AWARDS "ICTs TO PREVENT AND ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"

I. Objective

To recognize the best contributions and examples of leadership regarding the use of information and communication technologies to contribute to the prevention and eradication of violence against women.

II. Eligibility/Participants

All Member States of the Organization of American States and the Associate Members of CITEI who wish to participate may submit projects, programs, and examples of public policies.

III. Categories

SINGLE. Projects that optimize the use and application of ICTs as tools that directly benefit the prevention and eradication of violence against women.

IV. Stages

IV.1 – (March 2016) - Posting of the Call for the Award on the web page of the Inter-American Commission of Women and the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission. (Publishing it on the OAS web page is also recommended.)

IV.2 – (April-June 2016) - Reception of projects at the Evaluation Committee e-mail account that was set up for this purpose.

IV.3 – (June-July 2016) - The projects will be reviewed and assessed by the Evaluation Committee in order to determine the best three.

IV.4 – (August 2016) - The winning projects will be posted on the web page of the Inter-American Commission of Women and the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission. (Publishing it on the OAS web page is also recommended.)

IV.5 – (September 2016) - The awards ceremony will be held during the inauguration of the XXIX meeting of PCC.I of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission.

V. Criteria of the Evaluation Committee

V.1 – The Evaluation Committee will be composed of:

- a. The Secretary General of the OAS or the staff member designated.
- b. The Executive Secretary of CITEI or the staff member designated.
- c. The Executive Secretary of CIM or the staff member designated.
- d. The Chair of the Ad Hoc Group
- e. The Vice-Chair of the Ad Hoc Group

V.2 – The Committee will assess the following aspects of the project:

- a. Project reception form that complies with the guidelines established in the call for awards.
- b. Impact of the project's results.
- c. Sustainability of the project.
- d. Project scope.
- e. Innovation and creativity in the project.

V.3 – The evaluation criteria and decisions of the Evaluation Committee will be final.

VI. Awards:

VI.1 – There will be a total of three awards for the best projects selected by the Evaluation Committee.

VI.2 – Each award will consist of:

- a. Recognition given by the Secretary General of the OAS. (Certificate/Statuette)
- b. Presentation of the project to the other Administrations in the Region during the XXIX meeting of the PCC.I of CITES.

GUIDELINES FOR THE PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS:

1) Projects must be written in Word and sent as PDF according to the following format:

- a. Font: Times New Roman,
- b. Font size: Titles 14, Subtitles 12, Text 10
- c. Paragraph spacing.
- d. Margins: 2.5 for each side.
- e. Number of pages. Minimum 8 and maximum 25.

2) The projects must be submitted in Spanish or English.

3) The papers shall include a heading with an executive summary indicating the topics being addressed, the geographic location where it was carried out or is being applied, the date that covers the development of the application, who is participating in it, and the sponsoring organization and its evaluation, highlighting the contribution the project makes regarding the topics and indicating how it can be replicated in other States of the region.

4) If there is an evaluation of the implementation, graphics and/or photographs should be listed consecutively in the text and sent in a separate PDF file, which must be named as follows: Annex to the project: "name", name of the representative of the organization, and the country from which it is sent.

5) All files must be submitted in the same e-mail message to this address: _____ (It is suggested that CITES and CIM receive the projects and resend them to the Evaluation Committee.)

6) The body of the message should include the project title, the name of the organization's representative, the country from which it is sent, and contact information.

The representatives have to attach a one-page resume with the following basic information about the organization and the project presentation Template corresponding to Annex II of this Resolution.

Member State/Associate Member: _____

Entity/Institution: _____

Contact information of the project leader:

- a. Name:
- b. Position
- c. E-mail:
- d. Phone number: +(country code) (city code) (local phone number)
- e. Fax: +(country code) (city code) (local phone number)

7) For more information please contact the following e-mail address: _____.

PROCEDURE

a. To celebrate, within the framework of the International Women's Day by the CIM, an opening event for the Call for Awards, gathering high-level officials from Mexico and the Dominican Republic, as well as the Executive Secretary of CITEI, the Executive Secretary of the CIM and the Secretary General of the OAS, with the aim of publicizing the Awards to the Member States in the Region.

b. Once open, to publish the Call for Awards on the webpage of the CIM, CITEI and OAS, in order to inform the Administrations in the region about its development in a transparent manner.

c. Carry out all formalities to submit the Call for Awards to all Administrations of the OAS member countries, so it can be publicly disseminated on the web pages of the entities or ministries related to Women and ICTs.

d. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Ad hoc Group shall designate a Selection Committee whose function will be to check that each of the projects received comply with the guidelines stipulated in the Call for Awards regarding matters of form only.

e. The Selection Committee shall forward the projects that comply with the form guidelines to the Evaluation Committee within the term stipulated in the Award Rules.

f. The Evaluation Committee will review the projects it receives, evaluate them, and select the best three projects.

g. The Evaluation Committee will publish the Award results on the websites of the CIM, CITEI and OAS.

h. There will be the corresponding Awards Ceremony within the framework of the XXIX meeting of the PCC.I of CITEI in the month of September 2016.

EVALUATION PROCESS

- a. Projects received after the deadline established in the Award Rules will not be taken into account.
- b. All the projects received must fully comply with the guidelines stipulated in the Award Rules, otherwise they will be dismissed by the Selection Committee of the Ad hoc Group.
- c. The projects that are received and which meet all of the guidelines established in the Call for Awards procedure must be shared in the portal of the Awards website to provide greater transparency to the selection process of the winners.
- d. The projects that are received and which meet all of the guidelines established in the Award Rules should be analyzed by the Evaluation Committee, which will issue its decision at least 1 month before the date of the Awards Ceremony.