

**PCC.I/DEC. 258 (XXIX-16)<sup>1</sup>**

**SOUTH SCHOOL ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE**

The 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I),

**DECIDES:**

1. To submit for consideration to COM/CITEL, at its upcoming meeting to be held in December 2016, the offer of scholarships by the South School on Internet Governance, for its 2017 course, according to the details provided in the attached ANNEX.

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## **ANNEX TO DECISION PCC.I/DEC. 258 (XXIX-16)**

### **SOUTH SCHOOL ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE**

**SSIG:** [www.gobernanzainternet.org](http://www.gobernanzainternet.org)

#### ***1. Objectives and Mission of the South School on Internet Governance (SSIG)***

SSIG main mission is to increase the relevant participation of Latin American and Caribbean representatives in debates, forums and participation spaces where the Internet Governance is discussed and where Internet policy processes take place.

South School on internet governance:

- Creates capacity building programs for new leaders of opinion and encourages them to actively participate in meetings and debates about Internet and Internet Governance, where the future of the Internet is shaped.
- Trains professionals from the Latin American and Caribbean region in those issues related with the Internet Governance, from a global, regional and local perspective.
- Motivates young students and professionals of the Latin American and Caribbean region to actively participate in policy development processes related with the Internet and Internet Governance.

#### ***2. Background of the SSIG***

The South School on Internet Governance is organized each year in a different country of the Latin American and Caribbean region. Rotation among countries of the region is relevant to involve the local community of the host country and also to allow participants from other countries and faculty members to interact with the community where the School is organized.

The SSIG has been organized with great success in:

- Buenos Aires, Argentina (March 2009)
- Sao Paulo, Brazil (March 2010)
- México DF (April 2011)
- Bogotá, Colombia (March 2012)
- Panamá, (April 2013)
- Trinidad Tobago (April 2014)
- Costa Rica (April 2015)
- Sede OEA, Washington DC: USA (April 2016)

Along the eight meetings of the SSIG, more than 1700 fellows have received this training and many experts have participated as faculty members in each of the Schools organized so far.

Several of the SSIG fellows are now highly involved in organizations related with the Internet; these are some of their names and roles:

#### ***3. International and multistakeholder perspective of the South School on Internet Governance***

In the South School on Internet Governance 1700 fellows have participated from the following countries and representing all different stakeholders of the Internet ecosystem.

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Bolivia
- Chile
- Costa Rica
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Honduras
- México
- Perú
- República Dominicana
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Panamá
- Paraguay
- Uruguay
- Ukraine
- Spain
- El Salvador
- Nicaragua
- Puerto Rico
- Venezuela
- Japan

All fellows were selected after a call for applications that received. Selection of the fellows was done considering the following criteria:

- Geographic diversity
- Gender balance
- Different stakeholder representation among the fellows
- Different backgrounds and experiences of the fellows

National and International fellows received a full fellowship which covered the complete training course, hotel, meals, social activities, food, gala dinner and teaching materials.

#### ***4. SSIG from remote with channels in Spanish and English***

Sartint in the fourth edition of SSIG 2012 held in Bogotá, Colombia, the South School on Internet Governance can be followed from remote thanks to a full video streaming transmission, with two full language channels in English and Spanish. The entire program has full simultaneous translation in both languages Spanish and English also for those present in the room.

Remote participation in the eighth edition organized in OAS Washington DC had 25.000 remote participants from 89 different countries, which had access to video streaming and audio in both languages Spanish and English.

## ***5. International faculty***

All SSIG editions have as faculty members experienced professionals, recognized in the region and worldwide for their experience and knowledge. All faculty members are personalities related with Internet and Internet Governance, from different countries of the world, from Latin America and from the local community where the SSIG is organized.

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