

**COURSE PROGRAM OF CITEL FOR THE YEAR 2022**

The 38 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 2022, the Regional Training Centers of CITEL shall be submitting proposals for courses during the first quarter of 2022; 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 2022,

**ACKNOWLEDGING:**

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

**RESOLVES:**

1. To empower CITEL's Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources, 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 2022, 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 2022 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

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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.

7. To thank the *ITU Regional Office for the Americas*, which through the Centers of Excellence of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the ITU Academy has substantially built up its cooperation with the CITEL Secretariat, awarding scholarships for the female leadership course to representatives of the telecommunications and ICT sector of CITEL member states, and continuing joint efforts to increase the courses and scholarships offered for the Americas region in 2022.

6. To thank the *Internet Society (ISOC)* for granting the scholarships to the virtual course on Community Networks and continue strengthening the efforts of ISOC and CITEL in terms of training and the granting of scholarships to CITEL/OAS Member States as a follow-up of the commitment assumed with the 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas, in line with its goal of “*Promoting the open development, evolution and use of the Internet to benefit all people of the entire world.*”

7. To thank *CCATLAT* for granting scholarships through the series of monthly virtual seminars, as well as the IoT Certificate Program and the course on Internet Governance provided by the Internet Governance School of the South, 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 thank the “*Internet Addresses Registry for Latin America and the Caribbean (LACNIC)*” for granting scholarships to the Basic IPv6 course for career development and continuing to promote this kind of training and key knowledge generation on strategic topics for the region.

10. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL:

a. To support, as required, CITEL’s Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources.

b. To disseminate these courses as widely as possible.

c. To develop, with CITEL’s Regional Training Centers, the schedule of training activities on telecommunications/ICT, in the first quarter of 2022, in accordance with the priorities of CITEL’s Permanent Consultative Committees, in order to meet the region’s needs. He is especially instructed to seek synergies and the development of courses to promote broader participation of the countries of Central America and the Caribbean.