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Middle East Strategy Working Group

Topic 3: Improving Regional Academic Engagement in ICANN

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Outline

- Who are we?
- ICANN Academic Engagement program with ICANN
- What is next?



Who are we?

- Centre de Calcul El Khawarizmi
- Created in 1976
- The first 20 years, provided computing services for the research and education communities
- Since 1997, the official ISP/ASP for the research and education communities, and manages the Tunisian NREN



CCK mission

- NREN management (core and access equipments)
 - 430 sites, four PoPs
- Applications/Internet Service Provider (Datacenter at Manouba PoP)
- Security management
- Consulting and advisory role services
- Training / capacity building
- Observatory role of technological and scientific development in IT in the academic field



Academic Engagement Program with ICANN

- Seeks to engage with academic students and educate them on the Internet Governance ecosystem with a focus on ICANN work and the Internet Unique Identifiers.
- July 2016: MoU signed, initiative of Baher Esmat, VP, Global Stakeholder Engagement for the Middle East



Expected outcome

- Raise awareness among academic students about Internet governance and how the Internet unique identifiers function
- Complement information delivered as part of academic curriculum, and give a sense of how knowledge gained from text books looks in real life;



Expected outcome...

- Create stronger synergies between ICANN and Academic Institutes in the region; and
- Have stronger engagement from academic students in ICANN process and the different Internet Governance initiatives.



Past activities

- Four workshops took place, 150+ participants per workshop, with live streaming
 - October 26, 2016, Tunis
 - December 14, 2016, Manouba
 - March 8, 2017, Sousse
 - April 19, 2017, Gabes
- Speakers:
 - Tijani Ben Jemaa, Wafa Dahmani, Chamseddine Riahi, Adiel Aplogan, CCK Staff, Faculty members, local industrial community



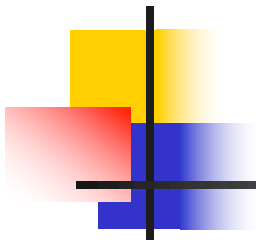
Future actions

- Workshops:
 - 4th week of November 2017
 - 1st week of February 2018
- Broadcast events via a collaboration platform for a wider accessibility, live interaction, and better engagement
- Evaluation survey for each event



Future actions...

- Improve implication of ISOC/IGF-Tunisia, Telco operators and commercial ISPs
- Introduce students to the fellowship program of ICANN
- Conduct parallel sessions?



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