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Call for applications to participate in the course Building Wireless Community Network

CITEL's General Coordination for the Development of Human Resources, jointly with CITEL's Secretariat, have as their primary objective to strengthen CITEL's efforts regarding scholarships and training courses of interest to CITEL/OAS Member States. Following up on CITEL's schedule of courses for 2019 (COM/CITEL/RES. 297 (XXXV-18)) and thanks to the 150 scholarships generously offered by the Internet Society (ISOC) for 2019 as a response to its commitment with the Americas ICT Alliance 2030, according to their objective of "promoting open development, evolution and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people around the world", they have the pleasure to announce the launch of the course/scholarship "**Building Wireless Community Networks**", which is due to be carried out online from October 28 - November 16 in Spanish.

The **dateline for applications is Friday, October 18, 2019 (EST, Washington D.C.)**. For further information visit: www.citel.oas.org or <https://www.internetsociety.org/>

Course Overview:

The course consists of training community members in wireless technology and Wi-Fi equipment that uses unlicensed spectrum bands of 2.4 and 5.8 GHz. This is in order to create wireless networks that belong to and are operated by the community, thus allowing it not only to implement and manage these networks, but also to enable the transfer of knowledge.

Specific objectives:

- To acquire basic concepts and knowledge of how to develop wireless community networks.
- To get familiar with experiences that enable the student to obtain references for the efficient design of wireless community networks.
- To acquire the necessary know-how to design a plan for the implementation of wireless community networks.
- To transfer their knowledge on wireless networks to other members of the community.

Applicant profile:

OAS member states, CITEL associated members, telecommunication and/or ICT ministries and secretariats of OAS member states, regulatory bodies for the telecommunication/ICT sector of the OAS member states, regional organizations, telecommunication/ICT professionals and technicians, the civil society and interested communities.

Dates, location and course type:

The course shall be taught online from October 28 to December 6, 2019 (6 weeks). It shall be taught in Spanish, with a course load of 8 hours a week.

Benefits of the scholarship:

- Number of scholarships to be granted: 150 full scholarships
- Registration and fees: 100% coverage
- Study materials.
- Certificate issued by ISOC/CITEL-OAS.

Scholarship technical information:

Course mode:	Distance learning course (online)
Course dates:	10/28/2019 - 12/06/2019
Instruction language:	Spanish
Benefits:	Covers 100% of the course registration and fees Study materials Certificate issued by ISOC/CITEL-OAS.
Number of scholarships to be granted:	150 full scholarships
Registration deadline:	Friday, October 18, 2019 (EST, Washington D.C.)
To register:	https://www.internetsociety.org/es/learning/convocatoria-para-participar-en-el-curso-construyendo-redes-comunitarias-inalambricas/

Eligibility:

A citizen or permanent resident of any of the OAS Member States.

Scholarship application and selection process:

- Send application form online
- Complete the application form online.
- The selection shall be made on a “first come, first serve” basis.
- Once the registration period expires, a notification email shall be sent to those applicants selected.
- The selected candidates must officially acknowledge the scholarship confirming their acceptance by e-mail.
- The beneficiaries must complete a course satisfaction questionnaire that shall be provided at the end of the program.

Announcement of the results:

CITEL/ISOC shall publish the results on their websites:
www.citel.oas.org or <https://www.internetsociety.org/>
CITEL/ISOC shall only contact the selected candidates.

Contact information:

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