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**TO:** Administrations of CITEL, Associate Members of CITEL and Regional Organizations of the Americas

**SUBJECT: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COURSE/SCHOLARSHIP: BUILDING WIRELESS COMMUNITY NETWORKS**

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission of the Organization of American States (CITEL/OAS) greets you cordially. On behalf of CITEL's General Coordination of Human Resource Development, in conjunction with **INTERNET SOCIETY (ISOC)**, are pleased to announce the call for applications to participate in the course/scholarship **"BUILDING WIRELESS COMMUNITY NETWORKS"** for **300 full scholarships (250 scholarships to Spanish-speaking participants and 50 scholarships to English-speaking participants)** on a **"first come, first served basis."** Enclosed please find in the annex of this circular detailed information about this call.

Likewise, we are pleased to announce that ISOC / CITEL will **award scholarships for this course** to associations, enterprises and / or organizations that have won the first, second and third place of the **Contest "Conectarse para Crecer"** initiative of Telefonica | Movistar in conjunction with CITEL in the **category women entrepreneur** for the editions of the contest in **Colombia, Ecuador and Peru** as part of the efforts to promote the adoption of specific actions for the development of digital capacities that allow the use of ICT as facilitators of economic empowerment and greater independence of women rural, as part of the Rural Women ICT Alliance initiative.

<b>Name of the course:</b>	<b>BUILDING WIRELESS COMMUNITY NETWORKS</b>
<b>Course modality:</b>	Distance learning course (online)
<b>Course dates:</b>	<b>September 13 to October 22, 2021</b>
<b>Instruction language:</b>	Spanish and English
<b>Number of scholarships offered:</b>	<b>300 full scholarships</b> (250 scholarships to Spanish-speaking participants and 50 scholarships to English-speaking participants) on a <b>"first come, first served basis."</b>

<b>Benefits:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covers 100% of the course registration and fees</li> <li>• Study materials</li> <li>• Certificate issued by ISOC/CITEL-OAS.</li> </ul>
<b>Registration deadline:</b>	<b>September 3, 2021 (EST, Washington, D.C. time)</b>
<b>Registration link:</b>	<a href="https://www.internetsociety.org/learning/call-for-applications-building-wireless-community-networks-course-scholarship/">https://www.internetsociety.org/learning/call-for-applications-building-wireless-community-networks-course-scholarship/</a>
<b>Announcement of selected scholarship recipients:</b>	<p><b><u>September 7, 2021, at 12:00 pm (EST, Washington, DC time)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISOC-CITEL/OEA shall publish the results on their respective websites:  <a href="https://www.internetsociety.org/">https://www.internetsociety.org/</a>  <a href="https://www.citel.oas.org">https://www.citel.oas.org</a></li> </ul>

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**ANNEX TO THIS CIRCULAR DETAILS OF THE CALL - See next page**



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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COURSE/SCHOLARSHIP BUILDING WIRELESS COMMUNITY NETWORK

CITEL's Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources, along with CITEL's Secretariat, has as its 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 2021 (COM/CITEL/RES. 310 (XXXVII-20) and thanks to the 300 scholarships generously offered by the Internet Society (ISOC) once again this year as a continuation of its commitment to the 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas, according to their objective of "promoting open development, evolution and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people around the world," ISOC and CITEL are pleased to announce the call for applications to participate in the course/scholarship **"Building Wireless Community Networks,"** which is scheduled to be held online from **September 13 to October 22, 2021.**

### 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.

### Participant profile:

OAS member states, CITEL associate members, telecommunication and/or ICT ministries and secretariats of OAS member states, regulatory bodies for the telecommunication/ICT sector of OAS

member states, regional organizations, telecommunication/ICT professionals and technicians, civil society, and interested communities.

**Dates, location, and course type:**

The course shall be taught by distance learning (online) from **September 13 to October 22, 2021** (6 weeks). It shall be taught in Spanish and English, with a course load of 8 hours a week. There is a total **300 full scholarships (250 scholarships to Spanish-speaking participants and 50 scholarships to English-speaking participants)** on a **“first come, first served basis.”**

**Number of scholarships offered and Benefits:**

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- Registration and fees: 100% coverage.
- Study materials.
- Certificate issued by ISOC/CITEL-OAS.

**Scholarship technical information:**

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**Eligibility:**

- A citizen or permanent resident of any OAS member state.

**Course/scholarship registration and selection process:**

- Complete and send the registration form online in the following link:
- The selection of participants for the course/scholarship shall be made on a **“first come, first serve” basis.**
- The list of selected scholarship recipients shall be published on **September 7, 2021, at 12:00 pm (EST, Washington, DC time)** on the websites of CITEL and ISOC.
- Scholarship recipients must officially accept the scholarship by filling out and signing the **Scholarship Acceptance Form** that CITEL / ISOC will send you online. If for any reason confirmation has not been received before the course begins or if a selected participant is unable to attend the course, the scholarship shall be given to the following person on the list of those who registered.
- If you have already been granted a CITEL scholarship over the past six (6) months or if you are currently a scholarship beneficiary for another CITEL course, you are NOT eligible to apply to the present scholarship.
- The participant must complete a course satisfaction questionnaire that shall be provided at the end of the program.

**Announcement of the results:**

**On September 7, 2021, at 12:00 pm (EST, Washington, DC time)**, CITEL/ISOC shall publish the results on their respective websites: [www.citel.oas.org](http://www.citel.oas.org) and <https://www.internetsociety.org/>. CITEL/ISOC shall only contact the persons appearing on the published list.

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