



Arab League Educational, Cultural
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AGREEMENT 2024

between

**ARAB LEAGUE EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL
AND SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION
(ALECSO)**

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**MILLENNIUM@EDU SUSTAINABLE
EDUCATION**

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Considering the excellent cooperation and partnership between the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) and Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION, initiated in Dubai, U.A.E., in 2015, with the Initiative ITU/ ALECSO Smart Learning Forum, which has created positive synergies and potentiated the development of projects to promote digital inclusion, particularly in education in the Arab Countries, which both parties wish to continue and reinforce;

Considering the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) and Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION at the ALECSO headquarters, in Tunis, Tunisia, on March 2, 2016, and the will of both parties to develop their cooperation and establish a more operational scope to the collaborative actions;

Considering the Agreement to develop a strategic cooperation, signed between the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) and Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION at the ALECSO headquarters in Tunis, Tunisia, on July 18, 2019, which was fulfilled and exceeded in actions and achievements;

Considering the Cooperation Agreement, signed on April 20, 2020, between Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION, ALECSO, the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research of the United Republic of Comoros and Classera for Smart Learning, with the aim of launching initiatives to provide the technological solutions necessary to cope with the disruption of the education system in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure the continuity of education in Comoros;

Considering the COMOROS Sustainable@EDU EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROJECT AGREEMENT, signed on August 31, 2020, between Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION, jp.ik - inspiring knowledge, ALECSO and the Ministry of National Education of Comoros, in which 1000 computer equipment for students and teachers, were made available to the Ministry of National Education of Comoros, within the framework of the education sector of Comoros;

Considering the Islamic Republic of Mauritania Sustainable@EDU EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROJECT AGREEMENT, signed on September 3, 2020, between Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION, jp.ik - inspiring knowledge, ALECSO and the Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Information and Communication Technologies - MESRSTIC – of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, in which 1000 computer equipment for students and teachers were made available to MESRSTIC within the framework of the education sector of Islamic Republic of Mauritania;

Considering the Djibouti Sustainable@EDU EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROJECT AGREEMENT, signed on September 10, 2021, between Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION, jp.ik - inspiring knowledge, ALECSO and the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training of the Republic of Djibouti, in which 4000 tablets and 40 laptops for students and teachers, were made available to the Ministry within the framework of the education sector in Djibouti;

Considering the Partnership Agreement on "Sustainable@EDU ARAB COMPUTER PARTNERSHIP - 4.a.1 abc Coalition - a) Electricity - b) Internet - c) Computers" signed between the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) and Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION in Marrakech, Morocco, on June 16, 2022, which created the conditions for the organization of an Official Side Event during the United Nations

Transforming Education Summit, at the UN Headquarters in New York, United States of America, on September, 2022, gathering representatives of States, International Organizations and NGOs and other stakeholders affirming the importance of an Education Digital Public Infrastructure and committed to work together for such purpose;

Considering the Sustainable@EDU ARAB COMPUTER INITIATIVE, launched by ALECSO and Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION in Marrakech, Morocco on June 16, 2022, with the aim of promoting the access to Internet Connected Computer Devices for ALL Students and Teachers in the Arab States, in which SIX COMMITMENTS were agreed based on the Sustainable@EDU COMPUTER INITIATIVE. This initiative led to the organization of a Session, as part of the Education Transformation Summit 2022, in September, during the 77th United Nations General Assembly at the United Nations Headquarters, to present and define a strategic orientation for the execution of the Digital Solidarity Initiative: Learning and Education Internet Connected Computer Devices for ALL, with the participation of representatives of Arab States and relevant institutions and personalities, resulting in the launch of the Sustainable@EDU ARAB COMPUTER COMMITMENT. Following the Summit, a special joint session occurred in the context of the SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETING 2022, dedicated to this Initiative, with the presence of representatives of Arab States and relevant institutions and entities from the public and private sectors, including stakeholders from ICT Arab and Global companies.

Considering the Lebanon Sustainable@EDU EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROJECT AGREEMENT, signed on November 2022, between Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION, jp.ik - inspiring knowledge, ALECSO and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education of Lebanon, in which 2000 tablets and 20 laptops for students and teachers, were made available to the Ministry within the framework of the education sector in Lebanon;

Considering the Tunisia Sustainable@EDU EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROJECT AGREEMENT, signed on June 27, 2024, between Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION, jp.ik - inspiring knowledge, ALECSO and the Ministry of Education of Tunisia and the Ministry of Family, Women, Childhood and the Elderly of Tunisia, in which 2000 tablets and 20 laptops for students and teachers, were made available to the Ministries, within the framework of the education and social sectors in Tunisia;

Considering that the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) promotes and coordinates international cooperation and activities among its Member States in the fields of Education, Culture, Science and Information and Communication Technologies;

Considering Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION's mission to contribute to the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the use of Information, Communication and Scientific Technologies (ICSTs) in Learning and Education while fostering key 21st Century Literacies and Skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration and creativity, among others;

Considering that Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION is a multi-stakeholder initiative led by the private sector, including some of the largest multinationals, and local companies, involved in education and technology that are willing to provide their contribution for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

The Parties:

Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) is an Intergovernmental Organization, with address at Avenue Mohamed Ali, Akid BP1120, Centre Urbain Nord, 1003 Tunis, Tunisia, represented for the purposes of this Agreement by H.E Prof. Mohamed Ould Amar, Director-General;

and

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agree as follows:

1 - The Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) and Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION aim to develop a stronger cooperation in the field of Education Technology under the terms described below:

2 - The following actions have been identified as potential areas for cooperation:

2.1. Development of Projects for the expansion of Education and Technology Initiatives in the Arab Region;

being agreed to:

2.1.1. Create an Arab Model of the Sustainable@EDU PLAN to develop ICT Education Projects in the Arab States – Sustainable@EDU ARAB PROJECTS;

2.1.2. Organize Workshops with each of the Member States where a Sustainable@EDU ARAB PROJECT is planned or already implemented to create a common understanding with such Member State;

2.1.3. Promote the Development of a Digital Public Infrastructure which serves Education, Culture and Science and the access to Information, Communication Technologies FOR ALL;

2.1.3.1. Launching a specific initiative to enable the education, cultural and scientific sectors, have access to AI PCs and the full range of their capabilities in the Arab States;

2.1.4. Promote digital skills, in particular through training initiatives and programs in the Arab States;

2.1.4.1. Cooperate to promote digital skills in the area of Artificial Intelligence;

2.2. Promoting ICT Education Events, Seminars and Conferences

being agreed to:

2.2.1. Organize an Event with the participation of the private sector to create the opportunity and the momentum for investing in the ICT Education Arab Ecosystem;

2.2.2. Collaborate on the organization of SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETINGS (SEMs) with the aim to promote a strong participation of the Arab Region in such events;

2.2.3. Co-plan the participation in specific events and initiatives;

2.3. Financing@EDU

being agreed to:

2.3.1. Develop a research program to finance and fund specific projects with private and public sources;

2.3.2. Jointly develop and present proposals for funding specific projects;

2.3.3. Jointly create an ICT Education Cluster to engage the private sector and other stakeholders in a cooperation journey to potentiate the "Digital Solidarity Initiative: Learning and Education, Internet Connected Computer Devices for All".

3. The parties agree to actively promote the above -mentioned SIX Commitments of the "Digital Solidarity Initiative: Learning and Education, Internet Connected Computer Devices for All", namely:

3.1. COMMITMENT 1 - Cooperate to develop Reference Design for Learning and Education Connected Computer Devices;

3.2. COMMITMENT 2 - Promote the development of Services to facilitate the management and usage of Learning and Education Connected Computer Devices;

3.3. COMMITMENT 3 - Support Local Production of Learning and Education Connected Computer Devices and its added value in the economy and society in the Arab States, promoting simultaneously job creation as well as the development of related Cluster;

3.4. COMMITMENT 4 - Create an Initiative to make available to ALL Students and Teachers Learning and Education Subsidized Connected Computer Devices;

3.5. COMMITMENT 5 - Promote better Measuring and Reporting through the quantification of certain components of SDG Target 4.a "Build and upgrade education

facilities that are (...) inclusive and effective learning environments for all” and refinements related to SDG Indicator 4.a.1. (a) Electricity, (b) Internet and (c) Computers”;

3.6. COMMITMENT 6 - Promote an integrated approach of the Initiatives and Actions related to Digital Transformation and Education through the development of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) Planning Tool.

3.7. The implementation of the present MoU shall not have any financial implications for ALECSO, except for the projects already covered by its budget.

4. The Parties will develop every two years, a detailed Action Plan based on the actions established in this Agreement.


5. For the purposes of this agreement, the official contact details of the Parties are as defined in Annex I attached herewith.

Tunis, October 27, 2024

HE Prof. Mohamed Ould Amar,
Director-General
Arab League Educational, Cultural
and Scientific Organization (ALECSO)



Mario Franco
President
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ANNEX I – FOCAL POINTS AGREEMENT 2024

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