With the aim of bringing together human, technical and financial resources of the Nile Basin countries to speed up the development of the ICT in the region, the Egyptian Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) launched “Nile IT Corridor” Initiative, to establish a 1st of a Kind cross boarder IT park covering all Nile Basin. The Nile IT Corridor will virtually spread in the Nile Basin countries to establish a general framework based on the convergence and intersection of a common formula for the coordination of collective actions of vision and tasks. It is designed to transit this area to the knowledge society and knowledge-based economy capable of competing at the national, regional and global level. Nile IT Corridor focuses on three main development pillars: Community, Infrastructure and Business.

Community:
- Education
- Health
- Poverty Reduction
- Democracy and Governance
- Women and Child
- People with Disabilities

Infrastructure:
- Know-how transfer and best practices in smart building and technological areas
- Regulatory environment

Business:
- Promoting partnerships between the various African entities
- Supporting technological entrepreneurship
- Developing research studies, indicators and market communications
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E-learning @ Africa

ITIDA at e-learning Africa May 2012, Benin

The Egyptian Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA) was a silver sponsor of eLearning Africa 2012, the Continent’s largest gathering of high-level policy makers, decision makers and practitioners from education, business and government, attracted close to 1500 participants from Africa and beyond from 66 countries.

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Minister Samuel Lesuron Poghisio, Kenyan Minister of ICT, participated in Cairo ICT in April 2012, upon the invitation of Dr. Mohamed Salem, Minister of Communications and Information Technology. He participated in the opening session of the Conference with a speech entitled “towards a continent-related”. The delegation accompanying His Excellency held several meetings with the National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority and Information Technology Industry Development Agency, to study how to move forward in the cooperation between the two countries in the field of telecommunications policy and branding Kenya. The Kenyan minister participation to Cairo ICT comes after a successful mission to Cairo in March 2012.

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BPO training was one of several areas of cooperation included in the MOU signed between the Egyptian and Ugandan ministries during the visit of Honorable Ruhakana Rugunda (Dr.), Minister for ICT to Egypt held from 2-4 April 2012.

ITI e-learning missions @ North Sudan

The Egyptian Information Technology Institute (ITI) is currently developing a new e-learning project to Africa, entitled “AfricaBuild”. Two successful experts’ missions have been to North Sudan to test firsthand and conduct a pilot training for web application courses during March and April 2012.
In light of MCIT cooperation with the Nile Basin countries through the implementation of a Cultural and Natural Heritage’s Panorama, in Democratic republic of Congo, a mission headed by Dr. Fathi Saleh, Director of the Egyptian Center for Documentation of Cultural and Natural Heritage (CULTNAT) along with a delegation (consisting of 4 members) visited DRC for an exploratory visit to film sites to continue the implementation of this project.

Egypt – Ethiopia and Ethiopia – Egypt Yet Again

Dr. Debretsion G Michael, the Ethiopian Minister of Communications and Information Technology, participated in Cairo ICT 2012 exhibition as the head of the Ethiopian delegation and the guest of honor. The minister’s visit came in the framework of the ongoing dialogue between the two countries to discuss ways to enhance cooperation among them.

The visit came also in consequence to Dr. Mohamed Salem’s visit to Ethiopia during January 2012 which witnessed the signature of a LOI between the two ministries in 6 areas which included the communications regulations, establishing smart villages, e-government, cyber security, capacity building and documentation of Cultural and Natural Heritage.

Regulatory @ North Sudan

Within the framework of the expert mission from MCIT to North Sudan in June 2011, coordination between NTRA Egypt and TRA Sudan took place to hold training sessions; the fourth training course was held in Egypt January, 2012. The topic was on obstacles to communication.

ICT Capacity Building 4 Eritrea & Burundi

Ministry of Communications and Information Technology in Egypt has started to implement the capacity building programs as the first phase of the Egyptian Nile Basin initiative for the African information society.
International Integration Cairo ICT 2012 >>>

The Egyptian Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Dr. Mohamed Salem inaugurated the 16th round of “Cairo ICT”. Throughout 26 – 29 April, Cairo ICT witnessed the presence of: Dabertcin Jabermichael, the Ethiopian Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Samuel Lesuron Poghisio, the Kenyan Minister of Communications and Information Technology, and Mohamed Abdel Kereem, the Minister of Communications and Information Technology of Sudan, as well as vice Ministers of Communications of Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Burundi. Furthermore, Ambassadors of Ethiopia, Uganda, Congo, Sudan, and South of Sudan in Egypt were present. It is also worth-noting that the African booth was one of the subsidiary booths at the MCIT pavilion showcasing the next five-year cooperation strategy of the Ministry.

Under the slogan “Nile IT Corridor”, the strategy aims at extending relations between Egypt and African countries, as well as opening communication channels between the Egyptian private sector and African countries in ICT fields. The African booth also displayed the African technology home and its significant upcoming activities. The Egyptian IT companies also exhibited major projects that are being implemented in African countries in many fields. Among these projects are establishing and managing smart villages, documenting cultural and natural heritage, basic ICT infrastructure, training on outsourcing, industry, exporting IT services, and other projects requested by the African countries for joint cooperation with the private sector in Egypt.

National Integration
Contributing into the National Plan for the Nile Basin Initiative

MCIT initiative comes within the framework of the highest priority that Egypt attributes to its relations with the Nile Basin countries. On the 9th of May, MCIT received H.E. Dr. Hisham Kandil, Egyptian Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation to share thoughts and valuable input on the suggested Nile IT Corridor with Ministries. The meeting included delegates from Ministry of International Cooperation and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

COMESA

Meeting with COMESA secretariat, MCIT and its affiliated entities have held a meeting with the delegation from COMESA secretariat on 15th of May 2012. The Egyptian delegation has presented to COMESA secretariat the developments of the ICT sector in Egypt and its status in light of the decisions that were issued in COMESA Ministerial meetings of ICT. In addition, Egypt has introduced the ongoing cooperation with some of the Nile Basin countries which are already members in the COMESA region. MCIT has showed its keenness to participate in the different projects and programs presented by COMESA, and the possibility of proposing projects to be implemented in the region and being funded by COMESA.

African Telecommunication Union

ATU 13th Ordinary Meeting, Côte d’Ivoire

A delegation from MCIT represented Egypt in the 13th Ordinary Session of the ATU Administrative Council in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire from 14-15 May 2012. An agreement took place with the ATU secretariat according to it, the Egyptian arrears will be paid through organizing a number of training programs in the ICT sector for the African calibers.
**African Union & UNECA**

Coming July 2012

Participating at AU-UNECA the African Union (AU) workshop on the draft of the Cyber Security Convention, The AU, in cooperation with the UNECA, has organized a workshop for discussing the “Draft Cyber Security Convention for Africa” which was presented by the AU, in Addis Ababa during the period 20-22 June 2012. The issue is perceived by the African countries to be of an accruing importance, due to increasing usage of Internet by the African citizens in the last years which necessitates more attention towards the security of the users. MCIT has developed an advanced experience in cyber security field enabling Egypt to play a significant role in related initiatives.

**Nile IT Corridor Portal**

Coming July 2012

The Nile IT Corridor Portal offers a digital platform for disseminating information on Egypt’s initiative in the Nile Basin and the proposed projects under its three main pillars: Infrastructure, Business and Community Development. The portal is supported by collaboration tools and means of communication available to support the initiation of the 1st Nile Basin ICT community.

**ISTAfrica 2012**

Participating at IST FRICA 2012, Tanzania Part of the IST-Africa Initiative, which is supported by the European Commission under the ICT Theme of Framework Program 7 (FP7), IST-Africa 2012 (Tanzania, May 2012) brought together senior representatives from leading commercial, government & research organizations across Africa and from Europe, to bridge the Digital Divide by sharing knowledge, experience, lessons learnt and good practice and discussing policies.
Burundi > Relational Database Management System (RDBMS), Data Warehousing, Data Mining, Client Server
Recruiting technical assistance to support the department of agriculture and livestock in Burundi to set up an information on the agricultural sector
Last date of document: 15 Feb 2013

Kenya > Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Supply Chain Management (SCM)
Providing consultancy services for the supply, installation, testing, training, commissioning and maintenance of integrated electronic resource planning software
Last date of document: 26 Jul 2012

Kenya > E-Learning, CBT (Computer Based Training)
General procurement notice for multinational african virtual university support project phase II
Last date of document: 12 Jan 2013

Ethiopia > Supply, Installation and configuration of Computer Network Equipment
Tenders are invited for Turn-Key delivery, Supply, installation and configuration of computer network equipment
Last date of document: 29 Jul 2012

Ethiopia > Supply and Installation of Integrated Human Resource Procurement Inventory Property Management System
Tenders are invited for supply and installation of integrated human resource procurement inventory property management system
Last date of document: 10 Aug 2012

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Our strength lies in our unity that has been tested many times before. Despite of the challenges, we are finally able to achieve our common goals.

So let’s continue our cooperation with the same determination and persistence to establish a continent free of drought, famine and disease, and seek full employment in modern technologies in order to achieve our development objectives for a better future for our beloved continent Mother Africa.

Dr. Mohamed Salem,
Minister of Communications and Information Technology
Cairo ICT 2012, Egypt April 2012
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