



# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Concerning

**Promoting Computer Literacy in Jordan**

Between

**The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology  
(MoICT) in Jordan**

And

**UNESCO Cairo Office**

**June 2002**

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## 1. Preamble

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**The MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY IN JORDAN** (hereinafter referred to as “**The MoICT**”), represented by its Minister, **H.E. Dr. Fawaz Zu’bi**

And

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization/Regional Bureau for Science and Technology for the Arab States – **UNESCO CAIRO OFFICE** (hereinafter referred to as “**UCO**”), represented by its Director, a.i., **Dr. Amr Azzouz**,

**Recognizing** the importance of promoting *Computer Literacy for All* as a means towards developing a competent and professional generation of computer users capable of using the basic skills of Information Technology (IT) with a view to enhance the quality of production and consequently contribute positively to economic development; and

Whereas

**UNESCO’s** mission is to make contribution to “peace and human development in an era of globalization through education, the sciences, culture, and communication....”,

**UNESCO’s** Medium-Term Strategy and Programs call for promoting empowerment and participation in the emerging knowledge society through equitable access, capacity building and sharing of knowledge,

**UCO** serves as a facilitator and coordinator for the global computer literacy for all movement in the region.

**UCO** has launched, in 2000, the new pioneering **International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL)**. This Programme represents a unique approach to promote computer literacy as it offers an international certification demonstrating a person’s competence in computing knowledge and skills in accordance with international standards. The Programme has countless benefits for the whole society and it has evolved and expanded significantly in the Arab region since its launching,

**The MoICT** has set the enhancement of the capabilities of the Jordanian workforce through the effective utilization of information technology as one of its main objectives,

**The MoICT** has embarked upon a number of leading initiatives and plans, such as the e-Government, to enhance the use of recent technologies in the work place,

The **UCO** and the **MoICT** hereby agree to strengthen their cooperation in this field and to undertake a variety of activities in support of promoting Computer Literacy in Jordan, with particular emphasis on employees of the Government and the public sector.



## 2. Objectives

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The main objective of this undertaking is to create an opportunity for all segments of the Jordanian society to improve their basic computer skills and upgrade them to international acceptable standards through the International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL) training and certification Programme.

## 3. Activities

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The primary activities of this cooperation shall be:

- ❑ Endorsement of the ICDL Programme as an effective vehicle for the promotion of computer literacy in the Jordanian society.
- ❑ Support the ICDL training and certification Programme as an integral component of the IT national capacity building initiatives undertaken by the MoICT for the preparation of a national cadre of experienced IT users.
- ❑ Development of an implementation strategy and detailed action plans for the operation of the ICDL Training and Certification Programme for the Public Sector.

## 4. Terms Of Agreement

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The terms of this memorandum of understanding will be effective starting the date of signature of this protocol. Either party may terminate the agreement upon six months notice to the other.

*For the Ministry of Communication Information Technology (MOICT) in Jordan*      *For UNESCO Cairo Office*

**Dr. Fawaz Zubi**  
Minister

**Dr. Amr Azzouz**  
Director, a.i.

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