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Title: Generation Connect intern

Bureau/Dept/Unit: BDT/ Regional Office for the Arab States

Supervision: Rouda AlAmir Ali / Programme Officer

Duration: 11 months maximum

Location: Field – Cairo, Egypt/ or Remote

ITU is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies – ICTs.

We allocate global radio spectrum and satellite orbits, develop the technical standards that ensure networks and technologies seamlessly interconnect, and strive to improve access to ICTs to underserved communities worldwide.

ITU is committed to connecting all the world's people – wherever they live and whatever their means. Through our work, we protect and support everyone's fundamental right to communicate.

Today, ICTs underpin everything we do. They help manage and control emergency services, water supplies, power networks and food distribution chains. They support health care, education, government services, financial markets, transportation systems, e-commerce platforms and environmental management. And they allow people to communicate with colleagues, friends and family anytime, and almost anywhere.

With the help of our global membership, ITU brings the benefits of modern communication technologies to people everywhere in an efficient, safe, easy and affordable manner.

ITU membership reads like a Who's Who of the ICT sector. We're unique among UN agencies in having both public and private sector membership. So in addition to our 193 Member States, ITU membership includes ICT regulators, many leading academic institutions and some 700 tech companies.

In an increasingly interconnected world, ITU is the single global organization embracing all players in this dynamic and fast-growing sector.

1. **Organizational Unit**:

The Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) is responsible for the organization and coordination of the work of the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) of the Union which deals mainly with ICT-focused development policies, strategies and programmes, as well as technical cooperation activities, to promote digital inclusion and drive digital transformation at community, country and regional levels. To effectively and efficiently serve the needs of ITU members, BDT is organized into four functional areas:

- Office of the Deputy to the Director and Field Operations Coordination Department

- Partnerships for Digital Development Department

- Digital Networks & Society Department

- Digital Knowledge Hub Department

The office of the Deputy to the Director and Field Operations Coordination Department is responsible for advising and supporting the Director on the direction and management of the Bureau. It is also responsible for leading all matters related to personnel, strategic, financial and operational planning and reporting processes. The department oversees the work of the Regional Offices, ensuring proper delegation of authority and accountability of the Regional Offices. This department coordinates the holding of BDT conferences and events, monitors the implementation of decisions emanating from the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) or Council, and cooperates closely with the other Sectors of the Union and the General Secretariat on matters of relevance to BDT and the overall work of the Union. BDT Regional Directors report to this department.

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| 1. **Organizational context:**   Generation Connect aims to engage global youth and encourage their participation as equal partners alongside the leaders of today’s digital change, empowering young people with the skills and opportunities to advance their vision of a connected future.  Generation Connect <https://www.itu.int/generationconnect> is the overarching initiative of the [ITU Youth Strategy](https://www.itu.int/generationconnect/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/ITU_Youth_Strategy.pdf) on the journey to the World Telecommunication Development Conference ([WTDC-21](https://www.itu.int/wtdc21)), the Generation Connect Youth Summit and beyond.  The three pillars of the Youth Strategy are: Empower, Engage and Participate. The Generation Connect Visionaries Board is a key effort towards the ITU Youth Strategy to further champion the voices of youth to advance digital development.  [Generation Connect – Arab Youth Envoys (GC-ARB)](https://www.itu.int/generationconnect/generation-connect-arab-states-youth-group-gc-arb/) is carried out in the context of the implementation of the ITU Youth Strategy, in particular, within the framework of the “Generation Connect” global initiative. It offers the Arab youth a virtual platform to be engaged in the ITU work, to discuss opportunities and challenges related to digital technologies and to contribute to the implementation of digital inclusiveness in the Arab region. |

## **Terms of Reference / Internship Objective:**

Under the supervision of Regional Youth focal point in the ITU regional Office, the Intern will:

* Assist in developing and producing briefings, content, and background reports to support the implementation of ITU’s youth strategy and position in youth related activities in the Arab region. The content produced may be featured in ITU official documents, communication channels, as well as in future ITU publications.
* Contribute to the work related to the GC-ARB regional youth envoys and regional youth engagement activities.
* Liaise with BDT colleagues in HQ and other regional offices as required in the course of his/her duties.

1. **Competencies**

**Technical Competencies** *(Examples of technical competencies are knowledge of regulatory frameworks, ERP or project management methodologies, etc.):*

* Knowledge in digital inclusion
* Passionate about championing female voices in the digital development dialogue
* Good interpersonal communication, collaboration and organization skills
* Outgoing and comfortable with public speaking/interview facilitation
* Embrace opportunities to take initiative and try new tasks
* Proactive and creative

1. **Qualifications required**
2. **Education**:

Studies in any field related to ICTs.

1. **Work experience**:

No work experience is required.

1. **Languages:**

English required and knowledge of another UN official languages (Arabic or French) would be an advantage.

1. **Training and Learning Elements:**

The intern will acquire excellent knowledge and experience of:

* Youth strategy
* Digital inclusion
* Digital skills

1. **Additional information** *(Additional space for comments that have not been mentioned in the above sections, if any.)*

The intern should be passionate about technology and willing to contribute in empowering youth in digital world and -Abring innovative ideas.