

Name of Institute/Centre	Regional centre for information and communication technology in Manama, Bahrain	
Year of creation	18 September 2007	
UNESCO focal point	ADG/CI, DIR/CAI, DIR/DOH (Members of the Centre's Steering Committee as per DG Decision on 6 April 2009) Executing Office: Cairo Office	
Statutes and agreements	Agreement with the Bahrain Government signed on November 2008.	
Thematic specialization	Using modern information and communication technologies towards fostering knowledge creation, acquisition and sharing (ICTs in Education and Science).	
Geographic coverage	Six Member States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC): United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sultanate of Oman, State of Qatar and State of Kuwait, and Yemen.	
Is the agreement in compliance with UNESCO's integrated comprehensive strategy (35 C/22 and Corr.) adopted at the 35 th session of UNESCO's General Conference in 2009?	Yes.	
Governing Board	A Steering Committee has been formed (had its meetings in 2009) while a governing board is scheduled to have its first meeting on the first week of April 2012.	
UNESCO staff detached	No.	
Financial contributions	2010-2011	
	Regular programme (please provide details, i.e. cost of undertaking the feasibility study, activities, implemented through contractual arrangements, costs of participating in the governing boards, other)	None in 2010-11.

	Extrabudgetary (please provide details)	USD 35,000 contributed by the Government of Bahrain to the Cairo Office in 2012 to prepare for the meeting of the governing board and to conduct two training workshops in March 2012.
	Total	USD 35,000
	Centre or Institute's Budget and sources of financing	All provided by the Ministry of Education in Bahrain to cover premises, staff cost and all of the centre's activities since 2009 until 2012.
	Has the Institute or Centre been audited, if yes by whom and what were the results?	No.
Contribution to UNESCO's programme results at the Main Lines of Action (MLA) level in the 35 C/5	N/A	
Does the institute or centre contribute to the implementation of a UNESCO sector strategy, if yes, please indicate how?	Yes. The centre helps GCC Member States in areas related to the effective use of ICTs in education and science.	
Was a review carried out by UNESCO on the Centre/Institute's contribution to the Strategic Programme Objectives of the Organization prior to the expiration of the Institute/Centre's agreement? If yes, please provide a short synopsis of the results of this review (no more than 100 words max)	UNESCO assistance to this centre has been delayed since the last quarter of 2009 until late 2011 due to staff changes at HQs and the field. UNESCO technical assistance was resumed by the Cairo Office, upon the direct official request of the government of Bahrain, on 1 January 2012.	
Last external evaluation	None.	
Has this centre/institute promoted best practices in promoting South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation, if yes, please provide a brief synopsis (100 words max)	The centre's early range of activities promotes South-South knowledge exchange besides also relying on North-South cooperation.	