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**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES FINANCED IN THE
BIENNIUM 2008-2009 (34 C/5) WITH FUNDS, DECENTRALIZED TO UNESCO
FIELD OFFICES, UNDER THE REGULAR PROGRAMME BUDGET**

(Report by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

The greater part of the activities undertaken by UNESCO field offices in the framework of the regular programme of the Communication and Information (CI) Sector are closely related to the objectives and priorities of IFAP. In reports received, however, there are no clear indications of systematic cooperation between National IFAP Committees and UNESCO's Field Offices.

As requested by the IFAP Bureau, the document provides an analytical presentation of some of the activities related to IFAP financed under 34 C/5, as submitted by the advisors for communication and information of the CI Sector in field offices.

UWI and UNESCO Organize Information Literacy Workshop in the Caribbean: "Developing Information Literacy Skills and Programmes"

The University of the West Indies Department of Library and Information Studies and the University Library, Mona, in collaboration with UNESCO's Information for All Programme (IFAP) hosted a workshop aimed at introducing various professional groups to techniques for developing information literacy skills and programmes (Montego Bay, Jamaica, 30 May – 1 June 2008).

This workshop was a regional component of the UNESCO Information Literacy Training the Trainers (TTT) workshop series, which incorporated six geographic regions. The series has as overall goal "the training of a cadre of promising qualified Information Literacy trainers in each of the major geographic regions so that they, in turn can educate other trainers in their respective regions and also begin educating directly the various ultimate beneficiary groups".

The workshop was timely for the Caribbean as the increasing range of information now available in print and electronic formats makes the need for information literate citizens even more imperative. As information literacy plays an important role in daily life, the programme of the workshop contributes to the development of skills for defining information needs, evaluating information sources, and synthesizing relevant information for presentation and use.

The objectives of the workshop were therefore to develop strategies for incorporating information literacy into the teaching, and learning processes; develop strategies for a working relationship between librarians and facilitators of these processes; create common understanding of designing information literacy programmes; and to promote the use of standards and models of information literacy.

The workshop targeted various professional groups that have responsibilities for education and training, and who in turn deal with groups which will benefit from information literacy programmes. 20 participants from Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and Nevis were introduced to issues involved in developing information literacy training programmes.

This workshop built on the experience of the other regional workshops held as part of the UNESCO Information Literacy Training the Trainers (TTT) workshop series and the Commonwealth Library Association (COMLA) / UNESCO workshop, hosted by the University of the West Indies in January 2006.

More information is available at: http://www.albertkb.nl/pageID_5366125.html

International Conference on the Multilingualism in Cyberspace – 2008

An International Conference titled “Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Cyberspace” was held in Yakutsk, Russian Federation, in July 2008. The Conference was part of the activities of the United Nations International Year of Languages. It was organized by the Government of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), the Russian Federation’s Federal Agency for Culture and Cinematography, the UNESCO Moscow Office, the Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO and the Russian Committee of the UNESCO Information for All Programme.

The Conference brought together over 100 participants from 15 countries with a diverse background: representatives of IGOs, NGOs, government and regulatory bodies, relevant institutions for culture, science, education, information and communication as well as researchers, members of business community and civil society actors. Key points of discussion included political, cultural, social, ethical and technological aspects of research and development of linguistic and cultural diversity in cyberspace. The Conference resulted in the adoption of *Lena Resolution*: http://www.unesco.ru/files/docs/lena_resolution_eng.pdf

Assistance to reform the library sector of the Republic of Moldova and establish the Republic of Moldova Committee of the UNESCO Information for All Programme

In the framework of this project, a UNESCO Information and Documentation Centre was opened at the Central Scientific Library of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Moldova in Chisinau in November 2008 with the support of the UNESCO Moscow Office.

In addition, a consultant from the Russian Committee of the UNESCO Information for All Programme was contracted by the UNESCO Moscow Office to produce an analytical study and recommendations on the reform of the library sector of Moldova. In parallel the consultant was requested to provide recommendations on the establishment of the

Republic of Moldova Committee of the UNESCO Information for All Programme. The Center has been tasked to facilitate the establishment of the Republic of Moldova Committee of the UNESCO Information for All Programme as well collect UNESCO's publications both in print and electronic format and preserve the documentary heritage from the holdings of the Moldovan Libraries. A Consultants report has been produced and the IFAP Committee of Moldova is in process of being established.

Information for All Workshop organized by Oman National Commission Office and National Documentary and Archive Center

As an ongoing cooperation between the UNESCO Doha Office, the Oman National Commission, and the Oman National Documentary and Archive Center, this Information for All workshop was organized in November 2008 at Middle East College, which is located at Knowledge Oasis.

The sessions of the workshop covered issues like "Documentary and Archival System and Information for All" presented by Mr Hamed Bin Mohammed ALZawyan, exploring the preservation system they are following, laws initiated in Oman to preserve documents from being destroyed, and protect documents from disasters. Another topic was presented by Mr Monsef ALfakaf, a consultant working at Oman National Documentary and Archive Center, titled Information Accessibility, in which he explored the history of document preservation, accessibility, searching tools, right to access information, places to access information, services provided to users of archives, Internet accessibility to archives, and copyright of archives.

Representatives from Bahrain and Kuwait also presented their archival system, followed by discussion, informative to all the participants.

On the second day, the first session started, by the presentation of a paper titled "Information Publication and Free accessibility to Information", by Mr. Hussain Bin Reda AL-Lawate, Oman Ministry of Information, in which he presented regulation and laws of printed materials, and free information flow in Oman. The second paper presented by Mr. Khalid ALSeabea, Ministry of Education representative, director of Computer Information System department, was titled "Oman Education Portal", in which he explored different applications implemented, and under implementation.

The third session covered "Information Accessibility and effects on Scientific communication" presented by Mr. Abdul Majeed Saleh Abu Eza, from Qaboos University, in which he explored many open free access internet sites, to information, and marketing the open access to information.

The final session was presented by Mr. Samee Gego Malea, from Oman National Documentary and Archive Center, titled " Electronic Archiving of Documents, and Information for All" in which he explored different technology standards followed in archiving, and available equipments.

Recommendations by the participants:

- More Information for All activities in the Arab Gulf region are needed, to prompt UNESCO's role, and prompt Information for All Programme.
- Arabic research documents needed in Information for All, UNESCO should concentrate in translating good research and documents into Arabic language.
- Stronger coordination with National Commissions is needed, to speed-up selection of participants since few participants attended the workshop.

Information for All workshop organized in Kuwait in cooperation with the Kuwait National Commission Office and Kuwait National Information Center

As a result of the cooperation among the UNESCO Doha Office, the Kuwait National Commission, and the Kuwait National information Center, this workshop gathered representatives from Oman, Dubai, Bahrain, Qatar and Kuwait. The workshop took place at Kuwait National Information Center in November 2008.

Sessions covered: "Information Security", presented by Mr Salah ALnajem, in which he explored information technology security, methods and techniques, and methods hackers are following to spy and hack information; "Kuwait Electronic Government and Services", presented by Mr Mohammed ALMulla, in which he presented the Kuwait eGovernment Web site, and services to the public; "Electronic Archiving of Documents in Oman" presented by Ms. Maha AL-Erame, from Oman National Documentary and Archive Center; "Dubai Computer Refurbishing Project" presented by Mr. Qasem Mohammed Rafi ALqasem, Dubai government computer refurbishing project.

The workshop was well organized and attended, and received good media coverage in the newspapers, radio, and Kuwait TV.