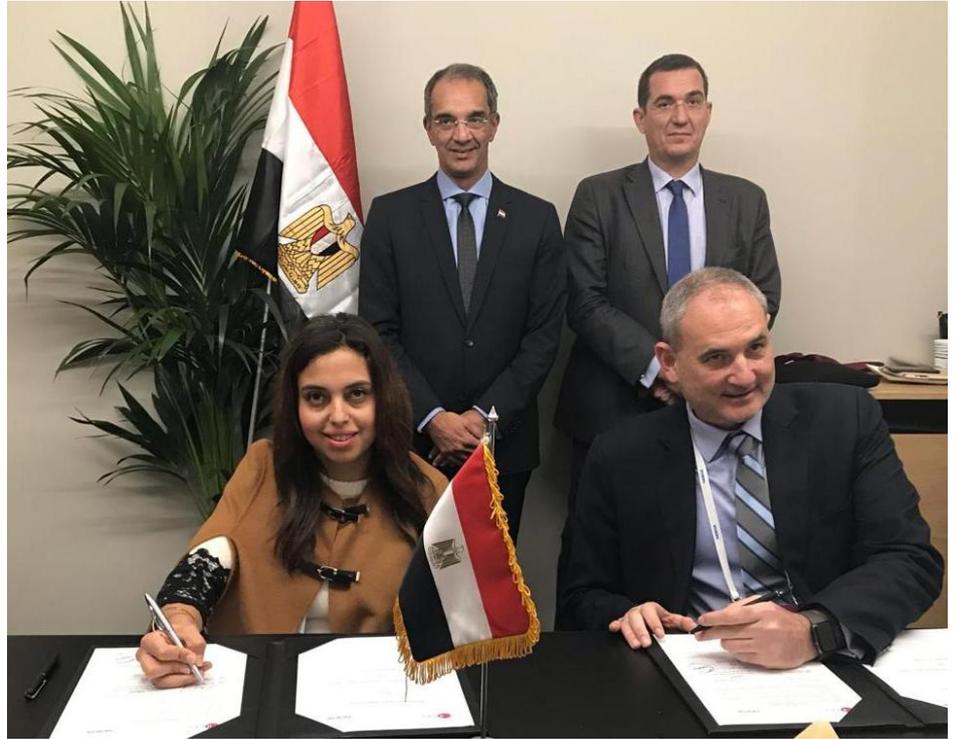


Egypt's MCIT collaborates with Nokia to boost Technology Innovation and develop Digital skills

- Nokia's collaboration MoU's with ITIDA and ITI will work towards providing the learning experience to the local talent to make a mark on the global ICT scene
- The initiatives aim at supporting the Egyptian Government efforts to use new technology approaches for enhancing economic growth
- Nokia and MCIT will work towards providing various opportunities to local talent



Cairo, 28 February 2019: Egypt's Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT)'s and Nokia have signed two Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) to provide local skill-building and employment opportunities to support the country's digital transformation efforts. development and innovation arm, will jointly conduct a yearly innovation competition hackathon with Nokia Bell Labs. Nokia will also provide software development internships to give talented Egyptians opportunities to gain first-hand job experience.

Further, Nokia and ITIDA will conduct collaborative activities in the fields of telecommunication, software enablement and innovation and capacity building in 5G, Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence and network security. The two organizations will also share best practices in the areas of skills and capacity building, innovation and the development of Small and Medium Enterprises.

Nokia and Information Technology Institute (ITI), learning and capacity building wing of MCIT, will work together to develop in-house undergraduate and graduate training programs.

Nokia and ITI, the two entities will work towards the following goals:

- The two entities will work together as part of the Egyptian Universities Students Program to provide three-months opportunity of job shadowing for graduates from Delta, Upper Egypt, Suez canal and Great Cairo universities. Nokia and ITI will also offer one-month campus training boot camp for undergraduate students from the universities mentioned above.
- Visiting sessions, career consultation demos and field visits to Nokia's premises will further provide a unique opportunity to the students to benefit from interacting with the world-class professionals.
- Nokia and ITI will together develop online learning and content development for job profiles in high demand and training content related to Nokia. The two organizations will also jointly organize online courses and face-to-face workshop and sessions to bring new and exciting opportunities for the country's youth.

H.E. Eng. Amr Talaat, Egypt's Minister of Communications and Information Technology, said: "We are committed to our vision of developing Egypt as a prominent global ICT player. We are confident that the agreements signed today with Nokia will be extremely beneficial for the country's youth and help us in developing competencies in the emerging technologies. Such collaborations with technology leaders will enable us to propel our efforts to foster talent for the new technologies."



Amr El-Leithy, MEA Market Unit Head at Nokia, said: “We are honored to work with MCIT to bring new and exciting technology prospects for the country’s ICT professionals. Overall, the two MoUs will enable Egypt to make a mark in the global ICT arena and will also go a long way in developing the digital ecosystem in the country. Interacting with our professionals will provide a valuable opportunity to the country’s talent to innovate and use technology for their and Egypt’s growth.”

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