

During the latter part of 2004, in preparation for the second phase of the WSIS in Tunis and in line with the recommendations of the Geneva phase, ESCWA organized the "Second Regional Preparatory Conference for WSIS - Partnership for Building the Arab Information Society" (E/ESCWA/ICTD/2004/4), which resulted in the production of the "**Regional Plan of Action for Building the Information Society**" and its publication in January 2005.

The Regional Plan of Action (RPoA) defined: (a) The components and programmes needed for the creation of a sustainable Information Society in the region; (b) Projects aimed at fulfilling the objectives of the WSIS; and (c) Partnerships and funding mechanisms aimed at producing the desired impetus towards the realization of the Information Society in Western Asia.

For more information on the RPoA, including a list of its programmes and projects, the published document can be found at:

<http://www.escwa.un.org/wsis/conference2/RPoA-ar.pdf> (Ar)

<http://www.escwa.un.org/wsis/conference2/RPoA.pdf> (En)

One of the main objectives of the "Regional Follow-up to the Outcome of the World Summit on the Information Society" is to update the RPoA and identify new projects for inclusion within it.

Proposing new projects:

To propose new projects that fulfill the WSIS objectives and are in line with the RPoA programmes (refer to Chapter III of the RPoA document), kindly fill out the [Project Proposal Form](#) provided for each and return it by e-mail to: [escwa-ictd@un.org](mailto:escwa-ictd@un.org)

Updating projects:

For the lead organizations implementing projects currently listed in the RPoA (refer to Annex III of the RPoA document), kindly use the attached [Project Update Form](#) to provide updates on the progress of each project and return it by e-mail to: [escwa-ictd@un.org](mailto:escwa-ictd@un.org)