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Egypt Basic ICT Indicators

- Number of Mobile users 44.59 million users , 58.9% penetration
- Number of Fixed users 11.83 Million users, 15.7% penetration.
- Number of Internet users 12.84 Million with a penetration 17% approx. (7 million broadband users and 750000 ADSL connection)

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Legal Measures

- Penal Law and its article 58 for the year 1937
- Child law 126 for 2008 - article 116 bis:
 - criminalizes with hefty penalties use of computers, internet, intranet, or cartoon to commit or instigate exploitation of children in prostitution or pornography even if the crime does not actually take place.
- Telecom act 10 for 2003
- e-Signature law 15 for 2004
- IPR law 82 for 2002

Legal Measures

Legislations that need to be enacted

- Data Privacy law
 - Cyber Crime law
 - Access to information Law
 - E- commerce law
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- Developing the executive regulations of the child law number 126

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Procedural Measures Ministry of Interior

- Establishment of a dedicated department to confront cyber crimes – Law Enforcement “Cyber Crime and Data Networks department”; Decree 13507 for year 2002
 - Confront Cyber Crimes
 - Coordinate with Internet Service Providers
 - Collaborate with Interpol



Procedural Measures Consumers Protection Committee



- Holding series of seminars for local councils and universities to raise awareness about safe internet and potential misuse.
- Conducting opinion surveys among users to detect dangers and determine prevention methods
- Encouraging ISPs to devise filters suitable to the community
- Coordinating between ministries of interior, justice and ISPs for monitoring, reporting and investigations

Procedural Measures National Council for Childhood & Motherhood

- Awareness and Training for prosecutors on the rights of the child (including child on line risks)
- Child Helpline 16000 network is legally acknowledged as protection mechanism
- Establishment of Ministry of State for Family and Population March 2009.

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Technical Measures

- Establishment of CERT in coordination with the National Telecom Regulatory Authority, International Organizations and Companies.
- Frame Agreements with Multinationals (Microsoft – Intel – Cisco – IBM – Oracle – Siemens,.....)
- Coordination with ISPs and Application providers to avail filters, classification systems, rating mechanisms and age verification systems.

Technical Measures ISPs and IT companies' Social responsibility




- Design- taking into consideration safety and protection (coding)
- International safety Standards- creating confidence
- Training programs and awareness raising



Developing personal privacy settings and training



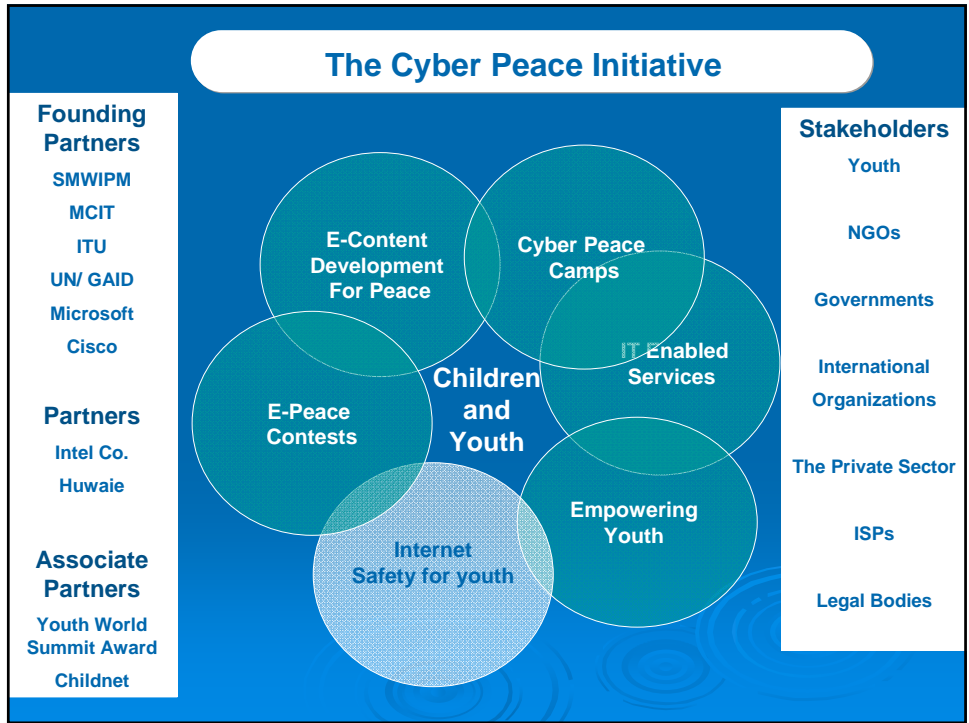
Technical Measures ISPs: TEData Family Internet



www.familyinternet.net



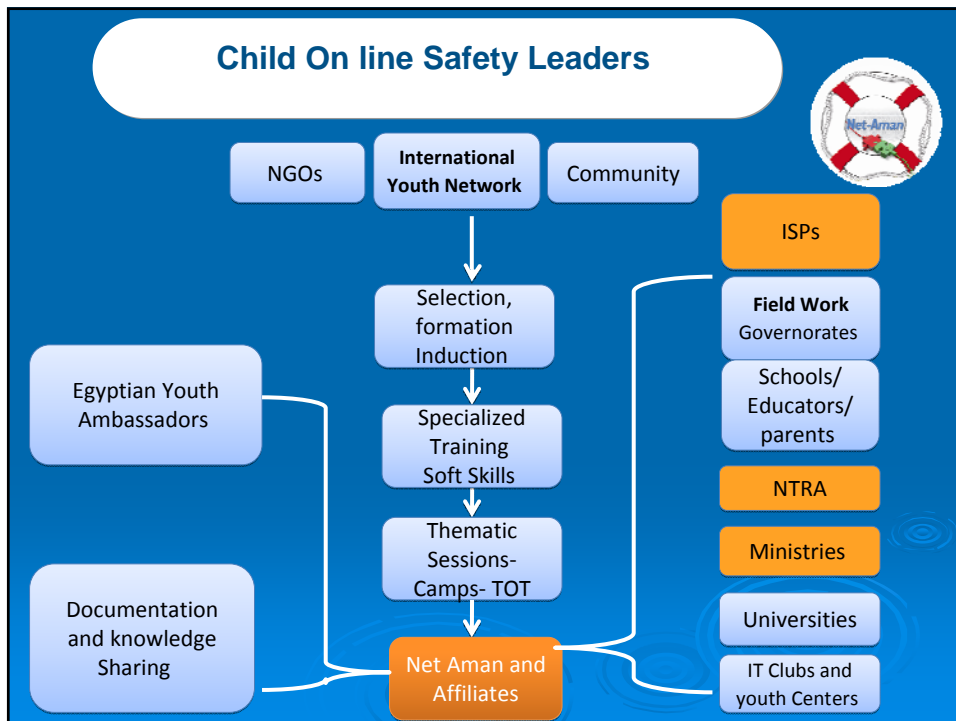


Our Vision

- Promoting the culture of safety in Egypt and in the region
- Empowering youth as savvy internet users in the knowledge society by focusing on empowerment, safety and innovation
- Adopting a youth driven approach
- Adapting and validating the initial and feedback.
- Seeking to establish a sustainability model
- Creating a multiplier effect by tapping into existing initiatives or resources in Egypt and abroad.



Child On line Safety Leaders



An Alliance for Sustainability



Civil Society

Security

Safety

Ethics

Breaking the wall of silence

Involvement of political parties in awareness campaigns

Engaging Youth centers; IT clubs and NGOs

Parents internet focus groups- role and responsibilities

Educators internet focus groups

The Media





Educational Entities

- Disseminating safety messages in educational institutes- risks- safety tips- other countries' experiences
- Including safety lessons in curriculum, as well as in teachers' training
- Availing filters and safety tools
- Assessing teachers and educators based on their knowledge of safety concerns in addition to standard skills (web 2.0 tools)



Child On line Safety; Challenges Ahead

- Egypt Child on Line Risks Profile
 - Study the actual profile of child on line utilization and risks in Egypt.
- Building a national e-Safety Index
 - Develop an index that measures the readiness of countries with respect to child on line safety.
(IGF – Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt 2009)
- Develop Preventive vs. Corrective measures
 - Awareness and education: Creating the Arab internet safety portal
 - Child on line Egyptian Task force

IGF 2009- a Milestone for Child on line Safety

- Perfect forum for discussion
- Platform for information and experience exchange
- Flexible in terms of topics and format
- A place where participants can discuss freely and try to reach an agreement on a way forward
- Policy coherence
- Inter-professional dialogue
- Enhanced cooperation



IGF 2009- Sharm El Sheikh Egypt

Internet Governance Forum



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