

The Tunisian Association for the Development of Digital Technology and Human Resources (ATTR) & The Research Laboratory of the Information and Communication Technologies (UTIC),

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**The International Forum on
E-Accessibility: a Chance
for the Integration of the Disabled**

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Preface

The knowledge and information society is only meaningful if it gathers an important number of people and gives the opportunity for all, to be informed, to know, to communicate, to express themselves, and to make the most of their capacities in view of integrating professional and social life. So that these essential preconditions and basic ambitions of the information society do not remain utopian or confined only to rhetoric, it is important, on the one hand, to identify and even to anticipate, the different specific needs of the different categories of people - notably the disabled and people with specific needs- in various situations (everyday life, professional life etc.), and on the other hand, to examine in depth and without discontinuity, the possibilities offered by information and communication technologies (ICT's). More than a civic duty, these requirements are nowadays considered as a must for the integration of this social category.

This forum which is in line with both the follow up on the World Summit of the Information Society (WSIS) that Tunisia initiated and whose second phase it hosted, as well the celebration of the Telecommunications and Information Society World Day, will focus on aspects related to digital accessibility. If enormous achievements have been made in terms of digital accessibility, a volunteering attitude, in addition to the efforts of the public and private sectors and civil society and the potential offered by technology, can only lead us to expect more and better. It is in this perspective that the Tunisian Association for the Development of Digital Technology and Human Resources (ATTR) and the Information and Communication Technologies Research Unit (UTIC), in partnership with the Ministry of Communication Technologies, are organizing this forum.

This forum will welcome internationally renowned experts. Discussions, as well as the round table will focus on digital accessibility both on the conceptual and practical levels, while taking into account the experiences led in Tunisia, as well as in other countries.

Program

8h30 – 9h00 : registration and welcoming of participants

9h00 – 9h30 : official opening

9h30- 10h30:

Session 1 : Policies and legislation for digital accessibility

Chairman: Slaheddine GHERISSI, *President of ATTR, Tunisia*

- The United Nations Convention for the rights of the disabled: implications for digital technologies, *Axel Leblois, United Nations Global Alliance for ICT, G3ict, USA.*
- Digital Accessibility: principles and realities, *Dr. Dominique Burger, National Health and Medical Research Institute, Brailenet Association, France.*
- UNESCO programs for the education of the handicapped, *Mr. Kenneth Eklindh, UNESCO Paris*
- ICT and Disability: achievements and perspectives

10h45 – 11h05 : Coffee break

11h05 – 13h00:

Session 2: Digital Accessibility in the service of the training and culture of the disabled

Chairman: Mohamed JEMNI, *President of UTIC, Tunisia*

- Training of school masters specialized in integrating technologies for pupils with physical or intellectual disabilities, *Prof. Jacques Viens, Director of the CITRA, University of Montreal, Canada.*
- Digital Accessibility- a major principle and the fundamental basis of the holistic program of the Study Center for the blind and the visually impaired , University of Karlsruhe, Germany, *Joachim Klaus, Director of the study center for the blind and the visually impaired , University of Karlsruhe, Germany.*
- Accessibility of the Web, from theory to practice, *Jean-Pierre Villain, Quelios, France.*
- Digital Accessibility in the service of information and culture, *Eric Lapeyre, AKompass Vocal Press, France*
- Access of the Blind to the Web, *Imed Chaker and Lamjed Hamdi, Tunisian National Union of the Blind, Tunisia.*

13h00-14h30 : Lunch

14 h30-16h00: **Session 3 : Applied research and recent novelties in digital accessibility**

Chairman: Jacques VIENS, *Univ. Of Montreal, Canada*

- Scientific research and new technologies for the communication with the Deaf through the Web and mobile phones, *Pr. Mohamed Jemni, UTIC, Tunisia.*
- Interface, computer- brain at the service of people with motor disability, Dr. *Tarik AL-Ani, University of Paris East, France.*
- Realizing documents accessible with Ms Word, *Dr. Bernard Ourghanlian, Microsoft France.*
- The Moroccan experience around digital accessibility of the Blind, *Prof. Laila Kjiri, Morocco.*

16h00-16h30 : **Coffee break**

16h30 – 17h30: **Session 4 : ICT and the sharing of information: testimonies and pioneering experiences**

Chairman: Dominique BURGER, *Brailenet – INSERM, France*

- E-handicap programs, *Tarak Ben Youssef, Ministry of Social Affairs, Solidarity and Tunisians Abroad, Tunisia.*
- Kuwait experience and programs for disabled people, *Dr. Ahmed Al-Hunaiyyan, Gulf University & General Commission of applied education, Kuwait.*
- ICT for specific needs (Egypt Case Study), *Dr. Mohamed Elazeb, HDF Association, Egypt.*
- The National Computer Center for children, *Mr. Hichem Mazhoud, Tunisia*

17h30 – 18h30: **Round Table: Strategies and perspectives in terms of Digital Accessibility**

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