Re: Proposed Sudan Training Participants

sskahill@usaid.gov Sara Skahill Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 5:35:39 AM Eastern Daylight Time
To: [redacted]@meta.com Khaled Koubaa

Dear Khaled,

Zoom works for us! I spoke to my Sudan colleagues today and their preference is for the last week of November if possible. I hope to hear about any preferred timing from my Libya team today!

Best,
Sara

On Tue, Oct 18, 2022 at 7:54 AM Khaled Koubaa <[redacted]@meta.com> wrote:

> Hi Sara,
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> We usually use Zoom. It is directly linked to our system. I hope this is ok.
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> Noted for Nov.
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> Agree for Libya. Better o have them separated.
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> Khaled
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> **From:** Sara Skahill <sskahill@usaid.gov>
> **Date:** Monday, October 17, 2022 at 2:20 PM
> **To:** Khaled Koubaa <[redacted]@meta.com>
> **Subject:** Re: Proposed Sudan Training Participants
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> Dear Khaled,
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> Two hours should be sufficient! November works for us, but we would prefer NOT the week of November 6 or November due to VIP visits in Sudan. For a meeting platform, do you have a preference when it comes to Google Meets or Microsoft Teams? We could do either.
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> Did you also receive my message about the Libya trainees? We would like to do the Sudan and Libya teams separately if possible. If it would be easier to discuss with a quick call let me know some times that would work for you and I can call in the next couple of days!
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> Best,
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> Sara
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> On Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 11:13 AM Khaled Koubaa <[redacted]@meta.com> wrote:

Hi Sara,

This is amazing. I imagine 2h workshop would be enough ?

Let's agree on the training date and then have your team send the invitation ccing me.

Is Nov would be possible for you?

I will get confirmed dates from our misinfo team.

Khaled

From: Sara Skahill <sskahill@usaid.gov>
Date: Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 11:28 AM
To: Khaled Koubaa <[redacted]@meta.com>
Subject: Proposed Sudan Training Participants

Dear Khaled,

Apologies for the delay sharing with you info about the organizations from which OTI's proposed training participants hail! The situation in Sudan has deteriorated quite sharply over the past few weeks, with power cuts and labor strikes interrupting work flow.

Our Sudan partners would like to attend Facebook web-based trainings in fact checking and mis and disinformation, ideally as separate training topics, but they could be done in one session, depending on Facebook's prepared materials. Our Sudan team would like two of our local staff to attend, as well as 22 representatives from the from the following organizations:

1. **Al-Harisat** (meaning "The Female Guards"), is an initiative founded by a group of women and activists in December 2019 to expand women's participation in the movement for freedom, peace, and justice. The organization has participated in organizing demonstrations, vigils, and creative activities as part of the ongoing pro-democracy movement, and contributed to mitigating the psychological and physical effects of male and female survivors.

1. **ATYAF Productions (ATYAF)** is a youth-founded Sudanese platform and production house for documentaries and short films focused on the Sudanese political evolution and social and cultural events. ATYAF works in all phases of production, from ideation and concept design to production, shooting, and editing. ATYAF's focus is on producing character-driven documentary films (short and feature-length) around true stories and real issues, and engaging activists, organizations, and the public in telling their stories through films that translate complicated, layered ideas into audio-visual forms that are accessible and consumable by the general public.

1. **Beam Reports** is a data-driven and citizen-centric web-based explanatory news company that works on empowering the public with trustworthy explanatory news to increase citizen participation and counter disinformation and misinformation. Beam Reports' mandate is to provide a platform that will support democratic actors to communicate more freely and securely and empower Sudanese citizens with accurate information to actively participate in their communities. Beam Reports core work is not only reporting on news, but also explaining the news in a way that is simplified, based on research, and produced using creative visuals.

1. **Sudanese Center for Media and Information Literacy (SCMIL)** is a media center that works in spreading concepts, skills, and building a culture of positive interaction with media tools and communication technology tools. SCMIL works with both traditional and social media to reduce their negative impacts, is contributing to the promotion of UNESCO's media and information literacy objectives, works on improving access to information and media content, and facilitates critical evaluation and use of media. The Center focuses also on countering disinformation and promoting peaceful coexistence.

1. **Radio Banat FM 92.6** is the first and only radio station in Sudan specialized in and focused on women's and gender issues. OTI is providing support for an 18-day comprehensive training camp for young female journalists aimed at increasing women's representation, engagement, and visibility of women in the media sector to promote media gender equality and counter gender stereotypes.

1. **NUAAR** is an independent media development and production company that creates safe spaces for the expression of diverse and alternative voices; mobilizing a sense of community for women, youth and minorities from all walks of Sudanese life by providing media content that uses participatory communication to capture the complexity of people in Sudan. OTI is partnering with NUUAR to produce the female led talk show, Baranda, which uses an edutainment approach to talk through women's role and interest in the political transition.

1. **Resistance Committees** (RCs) are grassroots, neighborhood level political organizations that initially emerged in Sudan in 2012 when grassroots youth networks began to collectively organize against the Bashir government. RCs played a key role in the 2018 revolution, organizing non-violent collective action and served as watchdogs during the transition period from 2019-2021. There are an estimated 7000+ RCs across Sudan. Proposed participants are members of RCs based in the three cities of Khartoum.

If these topics and organizations are acceptable to you, I can send the names and emails of the participants (or have one of my USAID colleagues do so) and we can finalize a training time!

Best,

Sara