**Tunis Virtual University (VUT)**

**Success Strategy:** The Virtual University of Tunis (VUT) was created in 2002, abiding by the policy framework of modernization of higher education and its accessibility to all Tunisians. The creation of VUT witnesses the development of ITT in Tunisia and the evolution of higher education to make effective use of digital multimedia technologies contribute to a stronger knowledge economy, and a better trained learning society.
The mission objectives of the VUT are to:

- Spread distance-education and make it accessible to all qualified people
  Merge all initiatives in the area of education based on digital multimedia technologies
- Foster a continuing learning environment with the vision of building a learning society
  Upgrade the skills of young professionals through continuing education and training
- Address the challenge of the steady growth of students in higher education
  by progressively spreading distance education in priority disciplines to cover 20% of the university curriculum online by 2006-2007
- Promote equal opportunities in higher education to all qualified people
  including non-traditional students
  Participate in widening access to higher education and at the same time improve the quality of education
- Spread continuing open education by making use of advanced digital multimedia technologies and covering the education of part of incoming future students enrolled in higher education institutions.

The Virtual University of Tunis provides open distance education using multimedia technologies to cover various educational levels: university and college courses, continuing education, life-long education.

A first pilot experiment of distance education in partnership with the Directorate of Higher Institutes of Technological Studies started in February 2003. The experiment covers two modules at an introductory level in Business Administration. These modules are General Introduction to Management and French.

This experiment will expand to cover other courses, disciplines, and programmes offered by the Higher Institutes of Technological Studies, and will hopefully contribute to the creation of new opportunities for many Tunisians. By complementing and actively sharing resources with other academic institutions, the VUT is committed to further improve both the quality of education and the variety of disciplines available. On the basis of large and effective partnerships, the VUT is on the way of implementing a modern and efficient distance education.

Partners: Ministry of Higher Education of Tunisia, Tunis Virtual University, Higher Institutes of Technological Studies, Directorate of Higher Institutes of Technological Studies, Georgia Tech (USA), Agence Universitaire de la francophonie (AUF), agreements are planned with other Arab, European, and North American Universities

Source: the Tunis Virtual University website and the WSIS Stocktaking database

WSIS STOCKTAKING & PARTNERSHIPS : ACTIVITY DETAILS

Project ID: 1124120463
Entity: Tunisia - Ministère de l'enseignement supérieur en Tunisie
Activity: Université Virtuelle de Tunis

Activity description: L'Université Virtuelle de Tunis est appelée, à long terme, à concrétiser un projet d'une formation ouverte et à distance FOAD axée fondamentalement sur l'exploitation des possibilités offertes par les NTIC et couvrant une part planifiée de la formation initiale, de la formation continue et de l'apprentissage tout au long de la vie.

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Entity from: Africa - Tunisia

Geographical coverage of the activity: National

WSIS action lines related to this activity:
- **Theme 1.** The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development
- **Theme 3.** Access to information and knowledge
- **Theme 4.** Capacity building

Related MDGs: no information available

Activity type: Programme, Training initiative
**Time scale:** Ongoing

**Partners:** no information available