

Note from the Secretariat for the Executive Committee meeting 4/5 May 2016

Update on the 38th Conference

The Secretariat received the following update from the host of the 38th Conference.

38th ICDPPC: Progress Report up to the 20th of April 2016

There are many actions that have been performed during March and April with regards to the preparation of the 38th International conference which will be held in Marrakech in October 2016.

- **Closed session program**

A sub-committee is preparing a detailed program on “Nanotechnology, Robotics and Artificial Intelligence” and is identifying key speakers.

- **Open session program**

Contacts have been made with some potential speakers and some panels have been suggested for two main topics “Development and Privacy” and “security and privacy”.

- **Side events**

The following partners expressed their interest to organize side events: Phaedra II, GPEN, IAPP, Dutch DPA (Building bridges project), WG on digital education, AFAPDP, NYMITY.

Security

Regarding security, the CNDP has informed top security officials at national level and in Marrakesh. They reassured us that the necessary measures will be taken to secure the 38th conference. Besides that, we can count on the security of the hotel that will host the event. That hotel is used to hosting international events. An additional security layer will be guaranteed by the security agents who will be hired by the CNDP.

Logistics

The process to choose an event agency is well advanced in compliance with national policies governing public tenders. We have received six applications, which are being examined by a sub-committee. The sub-committee will discard any agency that do not present enough guaranteed to organize the event in a professional way.

This first public tender contains the main services needed during the conference such as the conference hall for the closed session, open session and side events, closed session interpretation, transportation, hostess, security agents, visuals, Medical assistance.

Website and registration

Finally, concerning the registration process and the website development:

- A bank account for the 38th conference has been opened in compliance with national laws.

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- The IT Company hired by the CNDP has finished the static part of the website. The content is being finalized and the registration process is being tested by the CNDP. The website will be opened to the public next month.
