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TITLE:	Partnership with Enterprises Towards Building Open Source Software Communities and Rejuvenation of Technical Education and Innovation
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DESCRIPTION:	<p>OSSCOM aims to setup linkage systems between Partner Country (PC) institutions and enterprises to support transformative technical education and rejuvenation, build OSS hubs and communities, and enhance technology access to societies at large. Technology centers will be setup in partnership with enterprises to provide coordinated support and resources for developing and enabling an environment for large scale OSS technology outreach and its use in institutions.</p>
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By attracting higher education (HE) institutions and industrial partners from the PC and Europe, OSSCOM will be a large OSS capacity building, entrepreneurship, and technology support project in the region. Its ultimate goal is to enhance linkages between HE institutions and enterprises in order to motivate better technology education, build OSS community of practice, and boost economic development. OSSCOM road map is to establish links with enterprises for relevance of ICT education; setup OSS technology hubs to provide support to communities and promote innovation and business acceleration; develop OSS technology resources; facilitate the adoption of OSS as feasible alternatives to proprietary software; and create entrepreneurship incubators and business start-up facilities.

OSSCOM approach is comprehensive and wide-ranging in geographical coverage in the partner countries. Activities will span the whole cycle of integration, from setting up links with enterprises and establishing specialized OSS technology centers to the integration of OSS into education and learning systems and transformation of innovation and business startups. OSSCOM will play an important role in disseminating OSS resources, providing technical support, and creating awareness at the policy level in Jordan and Lebanon towards a national move to adopting OSS technologies and making available affordable technologies to citizens.

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