

DEVOTEAM LANDS AN IMPORTANT CONTRACT FOLLOWING NICOLAS SARKOZY'S PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST

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This contract with the Saudi Arabian government was signed after Stanislas de Bentzmann, Devoteam Co-CEO, participated in the French president's recent trip to the Middle East.

Devoteam, an IT consulting group, was retained by the CITC - (Communication and Information Technology Commission), a governmental organization in charge of regulating and improving the NICT sector (New Information and Communication Technology) in Saudi Arabia – to carry out a project aimed at improving the quality, security and reliability of the kingdom's Internet network. This project is part of a broader mission being carried out by the commission to ensure a fair, clear and transparent legal environment as to encourage business competition and protect public interests and investors' rights.

This project has been baptized IDP 2 (Internet Development Phase 2) and represents 2.5 million euros and a 12-month rollout plan.

The goal of IDP 2 is to implement the strategy and plans of actions, defined beforehand, which are aimed to develop the country's Internet services. The project has three main objectives:

- Provide Internet characteristics and usage statistics in Saudi Arabia.
- Assess the capacity of DNS infrastructures and increase their dependability all while ensuring that they meet international standards.
- Provide methods to help facilitate IPv6 adoption throughout the country.

On the outcome of the call for offers, it was Devoteam who was selected from among the leading players in the market. Osama Ghoul, managing director of Devoteam Middle East, explains Devoteam's advantage: ***"Having our CEO at the side of Nicolas Sarkozy during his last presidential trip opened up doors for us. We also emphasized our local presence and our longstanding expertise in the telecom sector."***

About Devoteam

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In the Middle East, Devoteam counts around 100 employees who are present in Jordan, United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

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