



Arab Regulators Network

Regional Regulator Meeting

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Introduction

- The ARNET Group been established in April 2003.
- Permanent Secretary of the ARNET is based in Regulatory Authority for the Post and Telecommunications - Algeria.
- The ARNET is observer member at Arab Ministerial Council for Telecommunications and Information since July 2004.
- The ARNET is a Sector Member at ITU.

Objective

- The objective of the ARNET group is to bring together all Arab national regulatory authorities and to foster an open dialogue between regulators and key ICT stakeholder and to develop a common policies and regulation to regulate the ICT sector.
- To improve private sectors and investors in Arab Countries.

Task

- 1) Facilitating the capacity building process for the Network's members by means of cooperation in providing training and exchange of experiences among the Network members.
- 2) Coordinating things in order to achieve harmony of standards and regulatory policies and procedures and working on standardizing them taking into consideration the international best standards and practices.
- 3) Following up the patterns of international developments in relation with the Sector in order to facilitate its development in the Arab World.
- 4) Promoting the expansion of liberalization scope for the telecommunication services by means of motivating competition and furthering the involvement of the private sector.
- 5) Promoting the establishment of regulatory commissions for the Sector with sufficient powers in countries where such commissions have not come into existence yet.

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- 6) Cooperating with the regional and international organizations and the other regulatory networks of the Sector as well as exchanging information therewith and develop relations with the counterparts within the Network's objectives.
- 7) Establish an efficient system for information dissemination among members and the main concerned parties using efficient and low-cost means including the building of a web site for the Network in Arabic, English, and French.
- 8) Coordinating among studies conducted on the regulatory aspects of the Sector to serve the common interests of the members.
- 9) Organizing meetings, workshops and conferences related to the regulatory aspects of the Sector.
- 10) Coordinating works of the members in order to achieve the Network's objectives and follow up progress already made in the execution of approximated systems, policies and procedures, Whenever necessary, support is being provided for the members.
- 11) Contributing to the creation of an appealing investment environment and promoting investment in the Sector in the whole region.

Current Projects

- 1) First Core: Activation of the establishing process and preparation of the basis for the Arab Authorities Network (4 Projects).
- 2) Second Core: Preparation of the general framework for the policies and regulations of the sector (6 Projects).
- 3) Third Core: Preparation and drafting of the guiding standards and technical specifications for telecom and information technology equipment as well as the technical description for the quality of the offered services (4 Projects).
- 4) Fourth Core: Human capacity building and development as well as the exchange of expertise and experts (5 Projects).

Current Projects

- 1) The ARNET been assigned to study the International Roaming Charges between Arab Countries by the Arab Ministerial Council. A Working Group has been established from different countries to study this case and present its result to the next General Assembly before making its proposal to the Arab Ministerial Council.

Future Projects

- New projects have been proposed by some regulators as shown below:
 - 1) Regulatory Framework for Licensing WiMax and WLAN.
 - 2) Regulatory Framework for Licensing VoIP.
 - 3) Spectrum Allocation and Assignment Policy.
 - 4) Making analysis on Telecom Market Competition in Arab Countries.
 - 5) Regulatory Framework for private networks.
 - 6) Regulatory Framework for MNVO.
 - 7) Regulatory Framework for VSAT.
 - 8) Regulatory Framework for Convergence.
 - 9) Regulatory Framework for DVB-H service.
 - 10) E-Library on the ARNET website.

Thank you