

# Report from the informal meeting of Regional Regulators Associations

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### The informal meeting of Regional Regulators Associations

- The meeting was chaired by Dr. Abdulrahman Bin Ahmed Al-Jaafari, Governor, Communications and Information Technology Commission of Saudi Arabia and moderated by Mr. David Gomes, Chairman, Association of Communications and Telecommunications Regulators of the Portuguese Speaking Countries (ARCTEL-CPLP).
- 28 participants from 7 Regional Associations and ITU represented by Mr. Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid, Director, ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau:
  - AREGNET;
  - ARCTEL;
  - ARTAC;
  - EACO;
  - FRATEL:
  - REGULATEL;
  - WATRA.
- Presentations made by ARCTEL, AREGNET, REGULATEL.
  - Presentation will be available on line at www.itu.int/ITU-D/treg/Events/Seminars/GSR/GSR09/rras09

# Regional cooperation

| Challenges of RRAs   | RRAs Aims and Objectives  |
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| Use ICT for poverty reduction  | Achieve efficient and well-grounded regulatory process                |
| Need for stable and coherent regulatory framework that works within developing economies where resources are particularly scarce | Harmonization – promote regional regulation                           |
| Need for more information sharing between RRAs   | Facilitate access to information and cooperation between associations |
| Needs for more cooperation and collaboration   | Promote common and regular activities                                 |

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# Regional motivation

| RRA drivers   | Inter-RRA Drivers   |
|---|---|
| Enhance regulation within the region and improve regulatory harmonization   | Enhance regulation throughout all regions   |
| Promote the adoption of best practices, exchange of information and experts, joint studies and adopt a common position                | Improve inter regional regulatory harmonization by promoting the adoption of best practices |
| Create an active and harmonized regulatory environment to improve cooperation and encourage innovation and communications development | Exchange information and experts and execute joint studies and adoption of common positions |

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### Conclusions

### **Future actions:**

- Implement annual meetings in parallel with GSR;
- Establish a Regional Association Secretariat Network in collaboration with ITU;
- Use the G-REX forum as a platform for Regional Association Secretariat Network.

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# Thank you!