Arab Regulators Network
(AREGNET)
Actions' & Activities'

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Introduction

- **AREGNET was established in April 2003 during Algiers' gathering of Arab Regulators & Administrations in charge of regulation in Arab countries.**

- **The chairmanship of the Network is by rotation in Arabic alphabetical order**

- **The Permanent Secretary is the Regulatory Authority for the Post and Telecommunications - Algeria.**

Introduction

- **Coordinating comity constituted by the actual chairman, the previous and the coming chairman assisted by the Permanent Secretary.**

- **AREGNET is observer member at Arab Council Ministers for Telecoms since July 2004.**

- **AREGNET is a Sector Member at ITU since 2004.**

Main Objectives of AREGNET

- Among the main objectives of creating Aregnet are:

- sharing experiences in the field of telecommunication regulation,

- coordinating efforts to achieve consistency of regulatory practices in Arab countries,

Main Objectives of AREGNET

- **To develop policies and models of regulation and fair and transparent procedures to encourage development and modernization of networks and telecommunications and information technology in the Arab world**

- **To improve expansion of private sectors and investors in the ICT sector in Arab Countries.**

Aregnet Tasks

- **Improving the capacity building process for the Networks' members by means of cooperation, training and exchange of experiences among its members.**

- **Coordinating efforts in order to achieve harmony of standards and regulatory policies and procedures and working on standardizing themes taking into account the international best standards and best practices.**

Aregnet Tasks

- **Following up the patterns of international developments in relation with the Sector in order to facilitate its development in the Arab World.**

- **Promoting the expansion of liberalization scope for the telecommunication services by means of motivating competition and furthering the involvement of the private sector.**

Aregnet Tasks

- **Promoting the establishment of regulatory commissions for the Sector with sufficient powers in countries where such commissions have not come into existence yet.**

- **Cooperating with the regional and international organizations and other regulatory networks as well as exchanging information therewith and develop relationships with the counterparts within the Network's objectives.**

Aregnet Tasks

- **To 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.**

- **Coordinating among studies conducted on the regulatory aspects of the Sector to serve the common interests of the members.**

Aregnet Tasks

- **Organizing meetings, workshops and conferences related to the regulatory aspects of the Sector.**

- **Coordinating works of members in order to achieve the Network's objectives and follow up progress already made in the execution of approximated systems, policies and procedures.**

- **Contributing to the creation of an appealing investment environment and promoting investment in the Sector in the region.**

Aregnet Activities

- **According to its fundamental rules Aregnet must organize its general annual meeting to pass over the presidency of the net, and**

- **To evaluate the achievement of the previous adopted studies and projects**

- **To adopt the future projects for the coming year**

- **To discuss any related topics.**

Aregnet Activities

- **Aregnet usually organizes an ordinary meeting before the end of each presidency to examine the progress of the adopted projects by the different working groups.**

- **It organize workshops as needed to conduct the adopted projects or to study any new aspects in the telecoms field.**

Aregnet Previous Projects

- **In the past years Aregnet has finalised projects & studies in different categories:**

1. **The establishing process and preparation of the basis for the Arab Regulators Network.**

2. **Preparation of the general frameworks for the policies and regulations of the telecom sector.**

Aregnet Previous Projects

- Some of the chosen projects were:
a) Regulatory Framework for Licensing WiMax and WLAN.
b) Regulatory Framework for Licensing VoIP.
c) Spectrum Allocation and Assignment Policy.
d) Analysis on Telecom Market Competition in Arab Countries.
e) Regulatory Framework for private networks.
f) Regulatory Framework for MNVO.
g) Regulatory Framework for VSAT.
h) Regulatory Framework for Convergence.
i) Regulatory Framework for DVB-H service.

Aregnet Previous Projects

3. **Preparation and drafting of 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. **capacity building and the exchange of expertise and experts**

Aregnet Previous Studies

- Two important studies have been achieved during the past years
- The first study is conducted by an consultant for Aregnet on Benchmarking tariffs in Arab countries: This study was on setting up a system of international price comparisons in Arab countries

Aregnet Previous Studies

- **The second one was on the roaming tariffs in the Arab countries:**
- **following a request made by the Arab Council of Ministers for telecoms asking Aregnet to undertake study to reduce roaming rates in Arab countries to an appropriate and reasonable level**
- **A working group was constituted for the purpose.**

Aregnet Previous Studies

- **Aregnet adopted recommendations on the subject after 3 years of study:**

1- The obligation on operators in Arab countries to inform subscribers of the updated roaming tariffs by SMS & the Website,

2-A proposed system to bring the tariffs down on the same level in all Arab countries.

Aregnet Current Studies

- **During its 6th General Assembly held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the 19th and 20th May 2009, Aregnet has dealt with :**

- **The study of Arab orientation planning for the transition from IPV4 to IPV6 which confirms the importance of such passage**

Aregnet Current Studies

- **The number portability project : the Saudi Arabia experience which must be evaluated with other Arab countries experiences in workshop to be organized by the Saudi Regulator**

- **Continue the study on tariffs benchmarking study which involves setting up a system of price comparison in Arab countries**

- **The use of Arabic language in the domain names: the experience of Saudi Arabia**

Aregnet current projects

- Aregnet has adopted the following projects for this year:

- study group and workshop on broadband in the Arab countries

- study on the establishment of a regulatory framework for the convergence between telecommunications, audio-visual and broadcasting

- Drafting Project of a guidelines for the Arab regulators on regulatory framework agencies with the collaboration of the Arab Regional Office of the ITU.

Thank you for your intention