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| **Summary:**  This document includes all agreed outcomes from RPM-ARB that took place in Khartoum, Sudan, from 30 January to 1 February 2017, as reflected in the Chairman’s report (Document  [RPM-ARB17/46](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMARB-C-0046/)), namely:   * Draft new Regional Initiatives.   **Action required:**  TDAG is invited to note this document.  **References:**  [RPM-ARB17/46](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMARB-C-0046/) | | |

**ADD** RPM-ARB/40/1

ARAB STATES REGIONAL INITIATIVES

# ARB1: Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Telecommunications

**Objective:** Raise awareness and provide support concerning the most significant challenges in the field of environment, climate change and emergency telecommunications; establish regulatory frameworks and take necessary measures to cope with the challenges in this field.

# ARB2: Confidence and Security in the Use of ICTs

**Objective:** Promote confidence and security in the use of ICTs, child online protection and combatting all forms of cyberthreats including the misuse of information and communication technologies.

# ARB3: Digital Financial Inclusion

**Objective:** Support and enable access to and use of digital financial services by means of using telecommunications and information technology and achieving high levels of digital financial inclusion.

# ARB4: Internet of Things, Smart Cities and Big Data

**Objective:** Raise awareness regarding the importance of future challenges in the era of Internet of things and big data and how to address such challenges; establish regulatory frameworks and take the measures that help cope with the rapid change in the field of telecommunications and information technology, and seek the transition to smart cities and communities.

# ARB5: Innovation and Entrepreneurship

**Objective:** Build capacities and raise awareness of the culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, in particular for youth and women empowerment, with the aim of (adapting/leveraging/harnessing/using) ICT tools for establishing projects and undertaking economic activities that enable the creation of employment opportunities.