



**The Regional Office for Arab States of the International Telecommunication Union commends the Kingdom of Bahrain's announcement of its strategies related to the ICT sector and the digital economy (2022-2026)**



**Through its Regional Office for Arab States, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) confirmed that the launch of the Kingdom of Bahrain's Telecommunications, ICT, and Digital Economy Sector Strategy (2022-2026), is a pioneering step to improve the Kingdom of Bahrain's rank in the e-participation index within the United Nations E-Government Survey. This will enhance and increase the efficiency of the services provided by the Kingdom of Bahrain through the digital transformation of services.**

The Director of the ITU Regional Office for the Arab States, Mr. Adel Mohamed Darwish, praised the Kingdom of Bahrain's strategy for the ICT sector 2022-2026, which will contribute to strengthening the Kingdom of Bahrain's economic position, and will enhance the development of its products, service and economic sectors, in addition to the ICT sector and the digital economy.

Mr. Darwish highlighted that the Kingdom of Bahrain has a strong digital infrastructure which contributes to accelerating national digital transformation and supports economic growth for sustainable development.

He stressed that this strategy would support the pillars of the Kingdom of Bahrain's economy. It will also contribute to the implementation of The United Nations

Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework which will support the government's work program and the Economic Vision for 2030, while aligning it with the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Kingdom of Bahrain's strategy for the ICT sector 2022-2026 will significantly improve the provision of high-quality and comprehensive services to citizens and residents, especially through the digital transformation of all economic sectors. In addition, it will strengthen policies and regulatory reform that will build the Kingdom of Bahrain's success in diversifying its economy and creating job opportunities, while strengthening the foundations of economic success, strengthening the rule of law, and highlighting the Kingdom's role in international and regional partnerships for sustainable development.

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