



Regional Development Forum for the Arab States (RDF-ARB): ICT 4 Sustainable Development

Rabat – Morocco, 28-29 March 2016

The ITU Regional Development Forum for Arab States aims to share and discuss the achievements, experiences, work programmes and partnerships amongst ITU members and interested partners for effective implementation of World Telecommunication Development Conference Recommendations. In particular, the Forum seeks to:

- ❖ *Share best practices and past experiences in implementing of the expected results of the ITU Arab Regional Initiatives 2014-2017, associated ITU programmes, partnerships and projects;*
- ❖ *Promoting partnerships for implementing the regional initiatives and projects.*
- ❖ *Explore the potential themes for the next cycle regional initiatives.*

Day 1 – Monday 28 March 2016:

08:00 – 09:00	Registration + Welcoming Coffee
09:00- 09:08	Short video: Changing the Face of ICTs
09:08– 09:35	Welcome Addresses and Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr. Azdine El Mountassir Billah, Director General, Agence Nationale de Réglementation des Télécommunications (ANRT), Morocco▪ Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), ITU
09:35– 09:50	Key Note Speech <p><i>The session will Focus on innovation, partnership, and the role of the regional stakeholders in the sector development and setting the themes for the whole RDF sessions.</i></p> Key Note Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr. Mohamed Ben Amor, Secretary General of AICTO
09:50– 10:35	Session 1: – Update on the implementation of the Arab regional initiatives and activities <p><i>Status report on the implementation of the Arab Regional activities and Initiatives</i></p> Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Eng. Ebrahim Al Haddad, Regional Director, ITU ARO Discussions



10:35– 11:20	Group Photo + Coffee Break
11:20- 12:20	<p>Session 2: Projects for achieving RIs</p> <p><i>Background information on proposed projects to implement the expected results of the RIs</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Eng. Rouda Al Amir Ali, Programme Officer, ITU Arab Regional Office– Eng. -Mustafa Al Mahdi, Associate Programme Officer, ITU Arab Regional Office <p>Discussions</p>
12:20 – 13:45	Lunch Break
13:45 – 14:45	<p>Session 3: ITU-D Study Groups, ITU Centres of Excellence, Membership/Academia</p> <p><i>The session will present the ITU-D Study Group works and outcomes as well as the ITU CoEs Network works and mandates</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr. Abd Elrahman Rafi, SG-INPT Morocco, ITU Arab CoE Network Representative to Global Capacity Building Initiative (GCBI)– Mr. Zied Rouissi, ITU Arab CoE Network Representative to Global Capacity Building Initiative (GCBI)- Eng. Mustafa Al Mahdi, CoE & Academia membership- Eng. Rouda Alamir Ali , ITU Study Groups <p>Discussions</p>
14:45 – 16:15	<p>Session 4: Opportunities for Partnerships & Resource Mobilizations</p> <p><i>The session will discuss the priority areas for development and funding agencies in ICTs in the Arab region and further explore synergies and opportunities for partnerships between all stakeholders</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ali YAHIAOUI, Former Chief ICT Officer, AfDB</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Eng. Suleiman Zuhairi, Deputy Minister, MTIT, Palestine- Mrs. FAL Yacine, Resident representative, African Development Bank- Mr. Tomas Lamanauskas, Group Director Public Policy, VimpelCom Ltd.- Mr. Turhan, Global Public Policy Group, MENA, INTEL (Remotely)- Mr. Karl U. Stanzick, Managing Director, MTDS, Morocco- Mr. Roman Savvin, Vice President, Intech Global <p>Discussions</p>



Day 2 – Tuesday 29 March 2016:

09:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 5 :The Arab Regional Initiatives (RIs) beyond 2017/ Regional Organizations ‘perspectives</p> <p><i>The session will exchanges of ideas and proposals for the Arab Regional Initiatives beyond 2017 from the perspectives of the regional organizations to meet the needs of the region as well as achieving the 17’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</i></p> <p><i>Short Presentation by ARO</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Hassan Talib, Chief Technical Control Division, ANRT, Morocco</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Khaled Foda, Head of ICT Department, League of Arab States- Mr. Mohamed Ben Amor, Secretary General, AICTO- Mr. Lotfi Seboui & Mr. Bouti Hassen, Arab Maghreb Union (UMA)- Dr. Koutheair KHRIBI, Program Specialist, Educational Technologies, ALECSO (Remotely)- Mr. Jawad Abbasi, Head of MENA, Government & Regulatory Affairs, GSMA Dr. Yousef Torman, Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN), (Remotely) <p>Discussions</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 6: The Arab Regional Initiatives (RIs) beyond 2017/ Members’ perspectives</p> <p><i>The session is to pursue exchanges of ideas and proposals for the Arab Regional Initiatives beyond 2017 from the perspectives of the ITU Member, to meet the needs of the region as well as achieving the 17’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Nasser Al Marzouqi, TRA, UAE</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Zied Rouissi, Project Manager of m-Development Initiative, Tunisia- Dr. Sherif Hashem, Vice President for Cybersecurity, NTRA, Egypt- Mr. AlAnsari AlMashaqbah, Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, TRC, Jordan- Mr. Sidi Mohammed Drissi Melyani, Technical Director, ANRT, Morocco- Mr. Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed Mahmoud Abderahmane, Ministry of ICT, Mauritania- Eng. Abdin Ahmed Elhaj, Director of General Directorate of Planning and International Relation, NTC, Sudan- Mr. Mohamed Hassi Rahou, Project Director ANRT, Morocco <p>Discussions</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break



14:00 – 15:00	<p>Session 7: Conclusions: RDF recommendations and Closing</p> <p><i>To wrap-up the Forum and provide recommendations on way forward</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Eng. Ebrahim Al Haddad, Regional Director, ITU ARO– Mr. Azzedine El Montassir Billah, Director General, Agence Nationale de Réglementation des Télécommunications (ANRT), Morocco
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