Generation Connect – Arab Youth Group
Arab Digital Youth Event

26th May 2022
10:00- 12:00 Cairo time (GMT+2)
Virtual

The **Arab Digital Youth Event,** organized by the ITU Generation Connect – Arab Youth Group (GC-ARAB), aims to create a platform for meaningful engagement between the Arab leaders from different organizations and members from the Generation Connect Arab Regional Youth Group in order to include the views of the young in the regional discussions. The platform in the region and it is facilitated by the ITU Region Office for Arab States and will take place virtually on the **26th of May 2022**.

Through young envoy participation, we will draw upon their unique cultural and personal perspectives and experiences. Their contributions will encourage youth participants to go back to native countries, communities and organizations and redouble efforts as global digital change makers.

The outcomes of the discussion will form the foundations for further discussions and call to action at the regional level. Additionally, these outcomes will form the bases for a contribution to the Generation Connect Youth Summit 2022.

This event aims to build foundations and strengthen youth engagement and involvement in the Arab region, serving as step towards the Generation Connect Youth Summit, that will be held in June 2022.

The sessions for the Arab region will be focusing on the following:
- The reality of education in the Arab region in shaping youth for the decent job
- Perspectives around youth engagement

Further information of the event can be found here

Draft Agenda	
10:00 – 10:10*	**Opening remarks** *The Digital Youth Jam is aiming to build foundations and strengthen youth engagement in the Arab region towards the upcoming Generation Connect Global Youth Summit, to be held on 2-4 June 2022.* - Adel Darwish, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for the Arab States
10:10 – 10:15*	**Group Photo**

10:15 – 11:00*	**Session 1: The reality of education in the Arab region in shaping youth for the decent job** The main challenges are not only achieving quality education in Arab Sates but also accessing to education aligned with the expectations of the digital future jobs. The session will envisage the Digital IT curriculum at schools and the Role of the official education language in the overall ability to acquire skills and information in the Arab world. It will also discuss how education could enhance competitiveness in digital working environment to overcome challenges related to Access to job opportunities. **Moderator:** • Ms. Yasmine Esghaier, GC Arab Regional Youth Representative **Potential Speakers:** • Mr. Othman Al Moamar, Misk Foundation • Ms. Sabine Kai, Founder of The Makers Hub/ Kids Genius • Yomna Sherif, GC Generation Connect Arab Youth Representative • Mr. Aref Hussaini, Founder of AlNayzek
11:00 – 11:45*	**Session 2: Perspectives around youth engagement** This session will address effective mechanisms towards youth engagement in policy and strategy making at the regional and global levels, with an emphasis on how to get more young people motivated and aware of the benefits and possibilities that come with their engagement in the digital world. **Moderator:** • Mr. Youssef Seifallah, GC Arab Regional Youth representative **Potential Speakers:** • Ms. Fatma Serry, President and CEO, Enactus Egypt • Mr. Foued El Ouni, Director of the national youth observatory that hosts the Arab youth Center of Excellence • Mr. Ali Toblani, GC Arab Regional Youth representative • Ms. Suha Najjar, strategic communication specialist, Arab Youth Center
11:45 – 12:00*	**Closing remarks** - Wrap-up, Arab Regional Youth Representative - Rouda AlAmir Ali, Programme Officer, ITU Regional Office for the Arab States.

all the timing is expressed in EET (UTC+2), Cairo Time.