Annex 1

ITU Regional Development Forum for Arab Region (RDF-ARB)
Accelerating the digital development in Arab Region

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CONTRIBUTION FORM

Please note that submitted information will be presented during the RDF-ARB P2C Roundtables and it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner 2 Connect Digital Coalition.

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TITLE: [Collecting annual disaggregated data on levels of network deployment and sharing experiences on achieving universal connectivity.]

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

Under the Focus Area of "Access: Connecting people everywhere" , The UAE has always been committed to providing statistics on the telecommunications/ICT sector to the ITU as part of its recognition of the role such data plays in monitoring progress in the field of ICT and in drawing informed national policy decisions based on evidence. Consequently, UAE spares no efforts in sharing its best experiences with ITU experts for it to be published in ITU's publications, an example of which was the sharing of the UAE's experience in implementing its Universal Service Policy during the recent covid-19 pandemic, which was published in ITU's "Pandemic in the Internet Age" report. Therefore, the UAE commits to keep collecting annual disaggregated data on levels of network deployment and to share its experiences on achieving universal connectivity with ITU-D experts for reference in publications."

COUNTRIES in FOCUS:

- All ITU member states

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION:

☒ 2023

☒ 2024

☒ 2025

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE:

☒ ARB1: Sustainable digital economy through digital transformation.

including Pacific Island countries, and landlocked developing countries

☒ ARB2: Enhancing confidence, security and privacy in the use of telecommunications/Information and communication technologies in the era of new and emerging digital technologies.

☐ ARB3: Developing digital infrastructure for smart sustainable cities and communities.

☐ ARB4: Building capacities and encouraging digital innovation, entrepreneurship and future foresight.

☐ ARB5: Developing means of digital regulation.

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22,

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Pages/regional-initiatives-2023-2025.aspx

RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2022

☐ Affordable connectivity

☐ Digital Transformation

☒ Enabling policy and regulatory environment

☒ Resource mobilization and international cooperation

☒ Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

Please find more information on the ITU-D Priorities, as defined by WTDC-22, here

RELATED ITU PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE 2022

☐ Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services.

☐ International telecommunication numbering resources.

☒   Inclusive and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services.

☒   Digital applications.

☒   Enabling environment.

Please find more information on the ITU Priorities, as defined by PP-22, here