



Annex 1

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

Organized by the International Telecommunication Union with the support of the

Bahraini Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications

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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:** [[Hosting I-CoDI Regional Hub]

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:**

Relating to “Focus Area 2: Adoption: Empowering communities”, The International Center of Digital Innovation (I-CoDI) is a visionary partnership between the United Arab Emirates and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) , dedicated to promote innovative solutions that accelerate progress within the regions and ensure the sustainability of the Regional initiatives.

In an unyielding commitment to this cause, the UAE pledged to be an enabler for the Region by hosting the I-CoDI of the Arab region in the UAE and providing training programs in the area of innovation. The I-CoDI Regional Hub’s focus is the Arab Region and has extended its trainings to provide (1) international training that hosts representative from all regions on annual bases.

The Main purpose of this Hub is to empower the ITU's Regional offices with the tools to explore new ideas and develop innovative solutions towards achieving the Regional initiatives.

**COUNTRIES in FOCUS:**

- All ITU Regions



- Africa.
- Americas.
- Arab states.
- Asia and the Pacific.
- Commonwealth of Independent States.
- Europe

**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.

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