



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: [Commitment to coordinate with relevant stakeholders in order to develop digital platforms based on the latest technologies for monitoring]

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

Under the Focus Area of “Value creation: Building digital ecosystems”, The UAE has been always committed to provide statistics on the telecommunications/ICT sector to ITU as part of its recognition of the role such data plays in monitoring progress in the field of ICT and drawing informed national policy decisions based on evidence.

To ensure that consumers in the UAE were receiving a high quality of service (QoS) during this period, the TDRA launched a dataset comparing the number of households, buildings, schools and hospitals in each of the seven emirates with those that the licensees had provided with FTTH, based on the licensees’ data. It also requested licensees to provide information regarding the technology being deployed, the location of the optical distribution frame (ODFs) and points of presence (PoPs), and an indication of the year and quarter by which the region would be covered by fibre. By comparing the two datasets and receiving up-to-date information, the TDRA was able to create an internal interactive fibre deployment-monitoring dashboard called “the databank” that is updated quarterly based on updates from licensees.



Overall, the TDRA's Databank has been a success. It has led to significant improvements in data handling, data accessibility, efficiency, and data usage. This has, in turn, enhanced the ability of the TDRA to use the data in its possession to make better-informed regulatory decisions

COUNTRIES in FOCUS:

The United Arab Emirates

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

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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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