



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: [Connecting rural areas by broadband telecommunications technologies by 2026.]

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

Under the Focus Area of “Access: Connecting people everywhere”, the UAE committed to ensure that all rural areas in the UAE are provided with various means of broadband telecommunications technologies by 2026.

Committed to the vision of an inclusive and interconnected future; the TDRA introduced the Universal Service Policy “Promoting the Universal Provision of Telecommunications Services in the UAE” in 2017. This policy served as the catalyst for transformative change, which was followed by the development of a dynamic dashboard that meticulously monitored its implementation.

As a result of these efforts, Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) coverage has soared to an astounding 98.83% by the end of Quarter 4 in 2022. This milestone underscores the UAE's unwavering commitment to bridge the digital divide and ensure that no one is left behind in the digital era.



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

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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