



Annex 1

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

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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:** [Training 500,000 on Digital Skills]

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:**

Under the Focus Area of “Adoption: Empowering communities”, and aligned with the UAE’s unwavering commitment to Digital upskilling, The UAE pledged to train 500,000 people through its Digital Academy by 2025 to improve their digital skills and drive digital transformation.

The Digital Academy is a virtual platform that aims to empower individuals with knowledge, skills, and abilities to drive digital transformation. Offered courses are beneficial for anyone seeking to develop his/her knowledge and skills in the growing field of ICT and innovation.

The Academy continues to broaden its educational horizon to encapsulate new and emerging technologies. Through various skilling initiatives, it has launched forward-thinking training programs like:

- Future Digital Leaders
- Digital Fundamentals
- Digital Service Design
- Over 20 concise, focused courses



The Digital Academy is driven with an ambitious goal of empowering 500,000 trainees with the vital tools for accelerating digital transformation

**COUNTRIES in FOCUS:**

All countries.

**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](#)



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- 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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