



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:** Bridging the Palestinian Digital Gap

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:**

Pledges:

- Creation of national regulatory Authority
- NETP
- Creation of Emergency Response Center.
- National Numbering Framework and regulation,
- Developing National IPv6 strategy.
- Creation of Digital Access Points at 100 post offices for one stop shop service delivery
- Connecting about 70 remote schools that was not connected by GIGA initiative.
- QoS monitoring system for mobile services and part of fixed services.
- Lunching the FTTH initiative to promote rollout of high capacity BB by giving approvals and developing regulations for ISPs.



- Launching the Mobile Number Portability (MNP) to promote competition in mobile market.
- Performing Market assessments and cost models for promoting competition in corporation with ITU.

**National priority areas:**

- Providing Emergency support for connecting people in Gaza and e-platforms for education and health. (more than half of telecom infrastructure is destroyed and less than 20% subscribers have connectivity or telephony services)
- Calling the world to make pledges and contribute in restoring and building the destroyed public telecom infrastructure in Gaza.
- Capacity building and technical support for Palestine for building telecommunication regulations (interconnection, licensing, competition, costing and pricing), core, access and last-mile technologies, mobile networks, FTTH, IoT, Spectrum management, as well as emergency for telecommunication and effective emergency response.
- Support implementation of the Palestinian IPv6 strategic plan, operation of international country code, GIS system, and type approval Lab.

**COUNTRIES in FOCUS:**

**Palestine**-----  
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**YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION:** [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- 2023
- 2024
- 2025

**RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE:** [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- ARB1: Sustainable digital economy through digital transformation.
- 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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