



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: Developing the Internet Digital Infrastructure and Delivering Capacity Building

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

The RIPE NCC, a non-profit organisation, serve as the Internet Registry for Europe, the Middle East, and select parts of Central Asia. In this capacity, we are entrusted with allocating and registering Internet number resources, including IP addresses and Autonomous System Numbers. Moreover, we are dedicated to supporting our valued members and diverse stakeholder groups, including governmental bodies, in advancing the development of the Internet. We achieve this through disseminating technical expertise, facilitating capacity-building initiatives, providing comprehensive data and analysis, and active participation in shaping Internet public policy.

As a member of the ITU-D sector, The RIPE NCC welcomes and embraces the ongoing endeavours of the ITU to attain universal connectivity. In furtherance of this commitment, we enthusiastically joined the "Partner2Connect Digital Coalition" at the inception of 2022. Our active participation includes engagement, support, and pledge to contribute to Area Focus one and two: "Connecting People" and "Empowering Communities."



The RIPE NCC is delighted to announce the successful fulfilment of our commitments to the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition. We have welcomed 2,946 new learners to the RIPE Academy, where these learners completed a commendable total of 30,679 e-learning modules. In addition, we have conducted 41 in-person training courses, benefiting 903 participants. Furthermore, our dedication to knowledge dissemination led to the introducing of two new courses, BGP Security and Internet Governance. Additionally, we have expanded our Certified Professionals program to engage with governmental entities.

We seize the opportunity presented by the ITU Regional Development Forum for the Arab States scheduled to take place in Manama on November 6 and 7, 2023, to reaffirm our commitments and pledges through the "Partner2Connect Digital Coalition." We renew our commitment to supporting the Arab States in their commendable efforts to cultivate and secure their digital infrastructure and enhance the skills of their workforce.

Focus Area 1 – ACCESS: Connecting People Everywhere:

In today's landscape, economic and social progress depend more than ever on connectivity. The depletion of IPv4 addresses has placed substantial pressure on governments, mobile operators, and ISPs to pioneer the adoption of the next-generation Internet Protocol, IPv6. As the ITU estimates, this transition is vital in connecting the remaining 2.7 billion individuals who still need to be online. The RIPE NCC is committed to fostering ongoing IPv6 initiatives across the Arab States. We stand ready to provide unwavering support for deploying this critical enabling technology to connect those who remain unconnected.

Focus Area 2 – ADOPTION: Empowering Communities:

Empowering communities through capacity development and active engagement with diverse stakeholder groups has always been at the heart of the RIPE NCC's mission. We pledge to redouble our efforts in expanding IPv6, routing security, IXPs and Internet governance capacity-building initiatives, enhancing professional certifications, and strengthening measurement and tools. These efforts aim to empower individuals and communities in the Arab States, equipping them with the technical skills needed to thrive in an increasingly digital world.

This serves as a testament to the RIPE NCC's unwavering dedication to developing the Internet and creating vibrant communities. It underscores the RIPE NCC's pivotal role in uniting forces with the ITU-D to bridge the digital divide and connect the unconnected.

COUNTRIES in FOCUS:

Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, and Palestine.

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION:



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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