



Arab Regional Office



## Regional Joint Conference on “Disaster: Relief and Management – International Cooperation & Role of ICT”

*Sheraton Al Montazah Hotel, Alexandria, Egypt, 14 - 17 April 2007*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> DRAFT TENTATIVE PROGRAM AGENDA / SPEAKERS\*\* (As of 14/3/07)

Time	Themes	Speakers
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<b>DAY 0</b>	<b>FRIDAY, 13 APRIL 2007</b>
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18:00-20:00	Registration of Delegates and distribution of documents
20:00-21:30	<b>Welcome Reception sponsored by Rohde &amp; Schwarz GmbH &amp; Co. KG</b>

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<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>SATURDAY, 14 APRIL 2007</b>
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08:30-09:30	Registration of Delegates and distribution of documents		
09:30-10:30	Opening Ceremony:		
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10:30-12:00	<p><b>Session I: <u>Overview of Disaster Management Today</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Critical Role of Telecommunications/ICT in disaster Management</li> <li>▪ Address of Mr. John HOLMES, Emergency Relief Coordinator and Operational Coordinator of the Tampere Convention</li> <li>▪ Need For ICT In Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction: Case Studies In Bangladesh.</li> <li>▪ Arab Academy Experience in crisis management</li> <li>▪ Role of Technology in Crisis and Disaster Management in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, E-Bench Model</li> <li>▪ Experience from Asia Pacific Region</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairman: Prof. Dr. Mohamed FARGHALY</b>, Executive Vice President, AAST</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Cosmas Zavazava</b>, Head, Emergency Telecommunications, ITU</li> <li>▪ <b>By Mr. Chérif GHALY</b>, Chair of the UN Working Group on Emergency Telecommunications &amp; the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster</li> <li>▪ <b>Prof. Muhammad Saidur RAHMAN</b>, Director, Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness Centre (BDPC)</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Hatem A. El Kerdany</b>, Assistant to President for Environmental Affairs, Head of Crisis Management System, AAST</li> <li>▪ <b>Prof. Fareed AL NAGGAR</b>, Consultant Prof. of Management, Egypt</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Wisit ATIPAYAKOON</b>, Specialist, ITU Asia Pacific</li> <li>▪ (List to be completed)</li> </ul>
12:00-12:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
12:30-14:00	<p><b>Session II: International cooperation in disaster warning, management and relief</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Humanitarian Coordination and Response in Disasters and Emergencies; an introduction by OCHA on main features, tools and mechanisms</li> <li>▪ UNICEF Experience in Disaster Management (TBC)</li> <li>▪ UNIDO Experience in Disaster Management (TBC)</li> <li>▪ General Overview about Humanitarian Coordination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairman (T.B.C.)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Sami AL-BASHEER</b>, BDT Director, ITU</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. James RAWELY</b>, UN Resident Coordinator and Designated Official, UNDP Ex. BCPR Geneva Deputy Director</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Ivo FREIJSEN</b>, Head, UN-OCHA Regional Office</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Erma MANONCOURT</b>, UNICEF Representative, Egypt</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Paul MAKIN</b>, UNIDO Representative and Head of Regional Office</li> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Youssra</b>, Ambassador of Good Will, UNDP</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mechanism of Arab Coordination Mechanism in Natural Disasters and Emergencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Fatma MALAH &amp; Dr. Gamal GABALLAH</b>, Dept. of Sustainable Development &amp; Environment, LAS</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Ebrahim AL-HADDAD</b>, Regional Representative For Arab Countries, Head of ITU ARO</li> </ul>
14:00-15:00	<i>Lunch Break Sponsored by EgyptSat</i>	
15:00-16:30	<p><b>Session III: Safety and Security in Disaster Management and Relief Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Effective Use of HF/UHF/VHF Radio Communications in Disaster Relief</li> <li>▪ The Role of the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairman: Sir. David VENESS</b>, Under Secretary-General, UN Department of Safety and Security</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Robert KASCA</b>, ICT Emergency Officer – United Nations WFP, Rome</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Robert ADOLPH</b>, Head of Safety and Security Dept., UN Office</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Stephen FAZIO</b>, Chief global Telecommunications Officer, UNICEF / <b>Mr. Chérif GHALY</b>, Chair of the UN Working Group on Emergency Telecommunications &amp; the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Dag NEILSEN</b>, Director of Ericsson Response</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>WFP (TBC)</b></li> <li>▪ <i>(List to be completed)</i></li> </ul>
16:30-16:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:45-18:15	<p><b>Session IV: Tampere Convention</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emergency Telecommunications in Humanitarian Relief Operations Using the Tampere Convention for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairman (T.B.C.)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Cosmas L. ZAVAZAVA</b>, ITU, Head, LDCs, Small Island Developing States, and Emergency Telecommunications, ITU/BDT</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Chérif GHALY</b>, Chair of the UN Working Group on Emergency Telecommunications &amp; the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Mahmoud KABIL</b>, Ambassador of Good Will UNICEF</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of the Tampere Convention in the Arab Region</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Mohamed ABDALLA</b>, ITU Senior Advisor for Arab States, ARO (List to be completed)</li> </ul>
20:00-22:30	<b>Dinner ceremony and social event (sponsored by Telecom Egypt)</b>	

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<b>DAY 2      SUNDAY, 15 APRIL 2007</b>		
09:00-10:30	<p><b>Session V: Risk Reduction in Environmental Disasters</b> (UNEP &amp; CEDARE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Disaster Risk Reduction &amp; Disaster Management, Need for Complementary Approach</li> <li>▪</li> <li>▪</li> <li>▪ Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) as a Content Standard for a Community Based on Hazard Information Network</li> <li>▪</li> <li>▪ Tsunami and Indian Ocean Wave Modeling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairman (T.B.C.)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Mostafa MOHAGHEGH</b>, Regional Coordinator UN/ISDR</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Hossam ALLAM</b>, Ph.D, Head, Information and Communication Technologies for Development Unit, CEDARE</li> <li>▪ <b>Eng. Fared BUSHEHRI</b>, Programme Officer, UNEP/ROWA</li> <li>▪ Dr. Nuwan WAIDYANATHA, Project Manager, Last Mile Hazard Warning System, SriLanka</li> <li>▪ American Aid (T.B.C.)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Suparek TANSRIRATANAWONG</b>, Director General, Thai Meteorological Department, Thailand (T.B.C.)</li> <li>▪ <i>(List to be Completed)</i></li> </ul>
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break sponsored by Rohde &amp; Schwarz GmbH &amp; Co. KG</i>	
11:00-12:30	<p><b>Session VI: E-health and Telemedicine in Disaster Relief and Management</b> (WHO/EMRO)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairman (T.B.C.)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Prof. Asif Zafar MALIK</b>, MD, FCPS, FRCS, Project Director, Telemedicine &amp; E-health training Centre, Consultant Surgeon, President Telemedicine Association of Pakistan</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Najeeb AL-SHORBAJI</b>, Ph.D., Coordinator, Knowledge Management and Sharing, WHO/EMRO</li> <li>▪ <b>Prof. Yukako YAGI</b>, Prof. of Pathology, MD. Case Western Reserve University, USA</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Khaled SHAMS</b>, WHO/EMRO</li> <li>▪ <i>(List to be Completed)</i></li> </ul>
12:30-12:45	<i>Coffee Break sponsored by Rohde &amp; Schwarz GmbH &amp; Co. KG</i>	

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12:45-14:15	<p><b>Session VII: Environmental Disasters: Early Warning, Relief and Management</b> ( <b>UNEP &amp; CEDARE</b> )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Early Warning Case Study For The Al-Qurain Landfill Area Fires in Kuwait through Using Geographic Information System Technology</li> <li>▪</li> <li>▪ Arab Center for protection Against Earthquakes Risks and Other Natural Disasters</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairman (T.B.C.)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Bassel AL YOUSFI</b>, Deputy Regional Manager, UNEP/ROWA</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Huda AL-MUNAYES</b>, System Analyst/Head of Technical Support Section, Environment Public Authority, Kuwait</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Hossam ALLAM</b>, Ph.D, Head, Information and Communication Technologies for Development Unit, CEDARE</li> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Fatma MALAH &amp; Dr. Gamal GABALLAH</b>, Dept. of Sustainable Development &amp; Environment, LAS</li> <li>▪ <b>Predicting Center for Earthquakes, Algeria</b></li> <li>▪ (List to be Completed)</li> </ul>
14:15-15:15	<i><b>Lunch Break sponsored by Rohde &amp; Schwarz GmbH &amp; Co. KG</b></i>	
15:15-16:45	<p><b>Session VIII: Governmental and NGOs ICT Networks for Emergency and Humanitarian Assistance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Crisis Management in Response to Oil Spills</li> <li>▪ An overview on the global maritime distress &amp; safety systems.</li> <li>▪ USAID – Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System (10 TWS)</li> <li>▪ Last mile hazard warning system (LM-HWS) in Sri Lanka</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairman (T.B.C.)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Eng. Ashraf SABET</b>, Chairman &amp; CEO, PESCO, Vice President Cairo Branch, AAST &amp; <b>Captain Richard BYRNES</b>, Assistant CEO, PESCO</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. David HARTSHORN</b>, Secretary General, Global VSAT Forum</li> <li>▪ <b>Prof. Mohamed ABU DAHAB</b>, Dean of Faculty of Engineering, AAST</li> <li>▪ <b>TBC</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Different Egyptian Civil Protection Authorities (T.B.C.)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Nuwan WAIDYANATHA</b>, Project Manager, Sri Lanka (List to be completed)</li> </ul>
19:00-22:00	<i><b>Social event and Dinner Sponsored by Ericsson</b></i>	

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<b>DAY 3 MONDAY, 16 APRIL 2007</b>		
09:00-10:30	<b>Session IX: Emergency Response in Health Disasters</b> <b>(WHO &amp; EMRO)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairman (T.B.C.)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Prof. Yukako YAGI</b>, Prof. of Pathology, MD. Case Western Reserve University, USA</li> <li>▪ <b>Prof. Asif Zafar MALIK</b>, MD, FCPS, FRCS, Project Director, Telemedicine &amp; E-health training Centre, Consultant Surgeon, President Telemedicine Association of Pakistan</li> <li>▪ WHO (T.B.C.)</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Najeeb AL-SHORBAJI</b>, Ph.D., Coordinator, Knowledge Management and Sharing, WHO/EMRO</li> <li>▪ Red Cross (T.B.C.)</li> <li>▪ Red Crest (T.B.C.) <i>(List to be Completed)</i></li> </ul>
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00-12:30	<b>Session X: Role of Industry and Private Telecommunications Sector</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Amateur Radio Communications in Disaster Relief</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairman (T.B.C.)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Dag NEILSEN</b>, Director of Ericsson Response</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Mohamed SHABIB</b>, General Manager MTC Touch Lebanon</li> <li>▪ <b>Capt. M. LANDOULSI</b>, Co-Ordinator for Arabish Speaking Countries &amp; Brazil, DARC</li> <li>▪ <b>International Companies (Ericsson – Motorola – Systel) (T.B.C.)</b></li> </ul>
12:30-15:00	<i>Visit to the Arab Academy (Complex of Disaster Simulator)</i>	
15:00-16:00	<i>Lunch Break Sponsored by Arab Academy</i>	
16:00-17:30	<b>Session XI: Public Fixed and Mobile Communications and Broadcasting Networks in Disaster Relief</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Social Role and the Socio-relationship of MTC Touch in the Lebanon Crises in 2006</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairman (T.B.C.)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Rula ABU DAHER</b>, Chief Technical Officer, MTC Touch, Lebanon</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ericsson Response Mobile GSM Solution in Support of Emergency Operations</li> <li>▪ Use of Mobile Infrastructure in Disaster Recovery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Dag NEILSEN</b>, Director of Ericsson Response</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Salwa MUBARAK</b>, Ph.D., Head of Risk Management Department, Mobinil, Egypt</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Etisalat (T.B.C)</b> <i>(List to be completed)</i></li> </ul>
17:30-17:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
17:45-19:15	<p><b>Session XII: Satellite Communications for Emergency Support in the Arab Region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Role of Fixed Satellite Communications in Emergency Response</li> <li>▪ How Public &amp; Satellite Sector Collaboration Can Be Strengthened for Disaster Relief</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chairman: <b>Mr. Yossef AL-SAYED</b>, CEO Thuraya Telecom Satellite Company, UAE</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Ahmed TOUMI</b>, General Manager &amp; CEO, International Telecommunication Satellite Organization, Intelsat</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Alain RETIERE</b>, Director, UNOSAT</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Jan-Erik KJAER</b>, Senior Vice President, Emerging Markets Communications INC</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. David HARTSHORN</b>, Secretary General, Global VSAT Forum</li> <li>▪ <b>Nilesat, Arabsat (T.B.C.)</b> <i>(List to be completed)</i></li> </ul>
20:00		

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<b>DAY 4 TUESDAY, 17 APRIL 2007</b>		
10:00-11:30	<p><b>Session XIII: Country Initiatives on ICT for Disaster Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Palestine Initiative on the Use of Telecommunications in Disaster &amp; emergency Situations.</li> <li>▪ The National Plan for Environmental Disasters Management in Egypt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairman (T.B.C.)</b> Group of Arab Countries (T.B.C.)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Anwar MOUSA</b>, Director of Telecommunication System &amp; Standards Dep., ministry of Telecommunications, <b>Palestine</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Mahmoud ISMAIL</b>, G.M. Special Assignments &amp; Enviromental Disasters Management division, EEAA, <b>Egypt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lebanon</li> <li>▪ Sudan</li> <li>▪ Oman</li> <li>▪ Somalia</li> <li>▪ Yemen</li> <li>▪ Algeria</li> <li>▪ Morocco</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Mohamed ABDALLA</b>, ITU Senior Advisor for Arab States, ARO (Moderator) <i>(List to be completed)</i></li> </ul>
11:30-12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
12:00-13:30	<p><b>Session XIV: Role of the Media in Disaster Management &amp; Suitable Development (WHO, UNEP and CEDARE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Role of International Media in Emergencies</li> <li>▪ Role of Development Communication in Disaster Relief</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairman (T.B.C.)</b></li> <li>▪ Arab Media</li> <li>▪ T.V. &amp; Radio Networks</li> <li>▪ Satellite Channels</li> <li>▪ Newspapers &amp; Magazines</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Maher NASSER</b>, UNIC Director</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Simon INGRAM</b>, Chief of Communication, UNICEF</li> <li>▪ WHO/EMRO</li> <li>▪ UNEP</li> <li>▪ CEDARE</li> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Randa FOUAD</b>, Chairman of Arab Media Forum for Environment &amp; Development <i>(List to be completed)</i></li> </ul>

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13:30-14:30	<i>Lunch Break (sponsored by )</i>	
14:30-16:00	<b>Session XV: Policy and Regulatory Issues in Disaster Communications Planning and Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chairman (T.B.C.)</li> <li>▪ Arab Administrations</li> <li>▪ Arab Regulators</li>   <li>▪ <b>Mr. Mohamed ABDALLA,</b> ITU Senior Advisor for Arab States, ARO</li> </ul>
16:00-16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:15-17:00	<b>Session XVI: Wrap up &amp; Closing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conference Chairman</li> <li>▪ ITU</li> <li>▪ Arab Academy</li> <li>▪ LAS</li> <li>▪ WHO/EMRO</li> <li>▪ UNEP</li> <li>▪ CEDARE</li> </ul>
17:00	<i>Cocktail (Sponsored by )</i>	

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***N.B.: Wednesday 18/4/2007, will be a Special event organized and cosponsored by the governance of Alexandria and the Arab academy.***