

**Subject: ITU-D/ITU-T Seminar on Standardization and Development of Next
Generation Networks (29 April – 2 May 2007)
Workshop on NGN Interconnection (2-3 May 2007)**

Manama – Kingdom of Bahrain.

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Kingdom of Bahrain
Arabia Gulf

* *For company profile, please see appendix C.*

- 3- **Seminar and Workshop Venue:**
Gulf Hotel Bahrain:
Function room: Awal Ballroom
Tel: (973) 1771 3000
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Website : www.gulfhotelbahrain.com

4- Gulf hotel: Location Map

Gulf Hotel, a landmark in Manama, stands tall in the commercial district of Adliya. It is only 15 minutes away from Bahrain International Airport and 5 minutes from the City Centre.



5- Secretary room:

Manama Suite (Beside the function room – Awal Ballroom) will be equipped with the following:

- a. Laptop
- b. Color Laser Printer
- c. Mobile phone
- d. Fax machine
- e. Photocopying machine

6- Coffee Breaks:

2 x Coffee breaks will be served on daily basis in the Prefunction Foyer.

7- Participants accommodations:

Attached file indicates the list for the 3, 4 and 5 stars hotels with the price and address. For any assistance regarding hotel reservation, please contact **Mrs. Masalek Alhaddad** on the following contact details:

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8- Hotels and airport Transportation:

The **Appendix A** contains the details of transportation from/to hotel, airport and the seminar venue.

9- Internet access for participants:

12 x Desktop computers and one shared printer will be available for the participants to access the internet. Batelco will bear the costs for providing the ADSL line.

10- Participants stationary:

Batelco will provide each participant with a folder that contains writing pad and pen. All seminar & workshop presentations will be copied to CD and given to participants at the end of the event.

11- Bahrain Visa

All persons who wish to enter Bahrain need a visa except citizens of the Gulf Cooperation Council (Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates). (*See appendix B for more details about Bahrain*)

a. Passports:

Valid passport for at least 6 months required by all.

b. Visas

Nationals of EU countries, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland and USA may obtain visas on arrival for business stays of up to 2 weeks. The fee is approximately US\$13.

Other nationals should obtain business visas stays of up to 7 days before arriving Bahrain. The fee is approximately US\$ 40.

c. Validity:

1 month from date of issue.

d. Application to

If there is no Consulate/Embassy of Bahrain in your country of origin or encountering any difficulties in obtaining your visa in your country, our travel coordinator will be pleased to help you in issuing one from Bahrain.

Generally, you may apply through Consulate (or Consular Section at Embassy). Some visitors can now apply for an electronic visa in Bahrain; through the website <http://www.evisa.gov.bh>. This has the added benefit of being 24-hour and enabling secure online credit payment and multiple applications, if necessary.

e. Application requirements

- 1- A scanned copy of your passport that include points 2-8 below (no photocopy)
- 2- Applicant full name
- 3- Nationality
- 4- Place & date of birth
- 5- Passport no.
- 6- Passport date and place of issue
- 7- Passport date of expire
- 8- Sex
- 9- Flight details
- 10- Airline Reservation code

NOTES:

- 1- If applicant nationality is INDIAN, a copy of page 36 or the page that shows the father name is required.
- 2- If applicant wishes to accompany his spouse then the above points 1-10 apply for both i.e. wife and husband.
- 3- If expatriate lives in GCC and with a minimum stay of 6 months, he/she can obtain visa at airport and can't be weaved.
- 4- The validity of visa (stay) is 7 days from the date of arrival. Any extension will cost US\$ 106.
- 5- The visa details will be inserted in the departing country airline system to ease boarding.

The deadline for visa application is Sunday, 22 April 2007. Please send the above information in English to ad2@btc.com.bh.

12- Shopping Centers:

Al-Aaly mall, Seef mall, Bahrain mall, Dana mall, Marina mall, Lulu center, Ramiz, Gold city, Manama Souq (Market), Gold Souq (Market) . . . etc.

13- Climate:

The weather of Bahrain during the period of the event will be almost summer or spring climate. The maximum temperatures will be 29.0 Degrees Centigrade and the minimum will be 21.0 Degrees Centigrade. Light dress/clothes will be fine.

14- Electricity Voltage:

The electricity in Bahrain is British system (**220 V/240 V**)

15- Currency:

One (1) Bahraini Dinar (**BHD**) is equivalent to **USD 2.65**

16- Taxi Services in Bahrain:

Normal taxis are painted orange and have a 'taxi' sign on top, although this is not illuminated. Fares are 800 fils for, the first 1.5km and then 100 fils for every additional kilometer. Between 10 pm and 6 am the start off fare increases to 1.200 BHD with a 150 fils per kilometer charge there after. If you are traveling from the airport there is an additional 1.000 BHD charge.

Appendix (A)
List of hotels

Tel. No.	Hotel Name	Stars ★	Single Room	Double Room	Transportation		Contact	Breakfast		Free	Web Site
					Airport	Event		Single Room	Double Room		
17 - 531 123	Gulf Hotel	5 Star	BD97.20	BD106.80	Airport: One Person BD4/- (By bus)	-	Khalid AL Bohra +973 36551181	BD7.200	BD14.400		www.gulfhotehbahrain.com
				One Person BD8/- (By Lemozeen)	-						
17 - 531 123	Carown Plaza	5 Star	BD72.000	BD82.000	Airport: Free	not provided	Rasool Ghuloom +973 39459200	BD7.9	BD15.7		www.crownplaza-bahrain.com
17 - 227 777	Regency Hotel	5 Star	BD73.000	BD82.000	BD8/- (per person) BD6/- (per Group)	BD8/- (per person) BD6/- (per Group)	Hazeem +973 39622703	For Single Room BD82 with the Breakfast	For Double Room BD99 with the breakfast		www.intercontinental.com/manama
17 - 531 666	Diplomat Hotel	5 Star	BD73.000	BD83.000	BD4/- (per person) Free (per Group)	BD4/- (per person) - Free (per Group)	Adel Bu Daoas +973 39618788	BD7.5	BD7.5		www.manama.radissonsas.com
17 - 827 999	Al-Safeer Hotel	4 Star	BD36.225	BD42.262	BD3/- (per person) Free (per Group)	not provided (For one person) --Free (For Group)	Moh'd Al-Saeed +973 39626295	Include The Breakfast			www.alasafirhotel.com
17 - 210 210	Gulf Gate Hotel	4 Star	BD25.000	BD35.000	All Transportation are Free (Airport + event) for Group & individual		Anil Tomas +973 39830341	Same Price with The Breakfast	Same Price with The Breakfast	Breakfast	www.gulfgatehotel.com
17 - 827 600	Elitt Hotel	4 Star	BD36.750	BD44.100	All Transportation are Free (Airport + event) for Group & individual		Sudher +973 36660205	For Single Room the Breakfast BD2,500	for Double Room the breakfast BD5,000	Free INET+ News paper+ 4 pottel of water	www.baisan.com
17 - 742 000	Ramada Hotel	4 Star	Single Standard BD32.600 Single Deluxe BD36,200	Double Standard BD41 Double Delox BD42,200	All Transportation are Free (Airport + event) for Group & individual		Moh'd Al-Thawadi +973 39886162	Single Standard BD37.430 Single Deluxe BD36,200	Double Standard BD41.550 Double Delox BD50.800		www.ramada.com
17 - 224 466	Mashtan Hotel	4 Star	BD25.000	BD35.000	All Transportation are Free (Airport + event) for Group & individual		Hisham +973 39125057	Include The Breakfast			www.mashtanhotels.com
17 - 297 000	Palace Inn Hotel	3 Star	Single Economy BD18 Single Executive BD35	Double Economy 25 Double Executive BD40	All Transportation are Free (Airport + event) for Group & individual		Millini +973 39023858	Include The Breakfast		For the Double Executive BD40. There is Free Inet, Jim, Mini Bar and disco	www.palaceinnhotel.com
17 - 297 000	Windsor Tower Hotel	3 Star	BD17,850	BD21	All Transportation are Free (Airport + event) for Group & individual		Wijay 00973 39349414	Include The Breakfast			www.ramee-group.com
17 - 296 464	Metropolitan Hotel	3 Star	BD18	BD21	All Transportation are Free (Airport + event) for Group & individual		Sana +973 39901049	Include The Breakfast			www.ramee-group.com
17 - 211 313	Bahrain International Hotel	3 Star	BD20.000	BD25.000	All Transportation are Free (Airport + event) for Group & individual		Anil Tomas +973 39830341	For Single Room BD22 with the Breakfast	For Double Room BD28 with the breakfast		

Appendix (B)

Bahrain General Information

Introduction:

Bahrain's small size and central location among Persian Gulf countries require it to play a delicate balancing act in foreign affairs among its larger neighbors. Facing declining oil reserves, Bahrain has turned to petroleum processing and refining and has transformed itself into an international banking center. (For Arabic information about Bahrain see attached file- Appendix D)

Geography:

Location:

Middle East, archipelago in the Persian Gulf, east of Saudi Arabia

Area:

Total: 665 sq km, land: 665 sq km, water: 0 sq km

Climate:

Arid; mild, pleasant winters; very hot, humid summers

Natural resources:

Oil, associated and non-associated natural gas, fish, pearls

People:

Population:

677,886 includes 235,108 non-nationals (July 2004 est.)

Age structure:

0-14 years: 28.4% (male 97,179; female 95,043)

15-64 years: 68.4% (male 271,015; female 192,342)

65 years and over: 3.3% (male 11,426; female 10,881) (2004 est.)

Population growth rate:

1.56% (2004 est.)

Birth rate:

18.54 births/1,000 population (2004 est.)

Death rate:

4.03 deaths/1,000 population (2004 est.)

Net migration rate:

1.05 migrant(s)/1,000 population (2004 est.)

Sex ratio:

At birth: 1.03 male(s)/female

under 15 years: 1.02 male(s)/female

15-64 years: 1.41 male(s)/female

65 years and over: 1.05 male(s)/female

total population: 1.27 male(s)/female (2004 est.)

Ethnic groups:

Bahraini 63%, Asian 19%, other Arab 10%, Iranian 8%

Languages:

Arabic, English, Farsi, Urdu

* For more details about Bahrain, please visit the following site:

<http://www.clickBahrain.com>

Appendix (C)

Batelco Profile

About Batelco

Serving both the corporate and consumer markets in the most liberalized and competitive market in the Middle East, Batelco is committed to delivering cutting-edge telecommunications to its customers in Bahrain and MENA. Batelco is driven by an enthusiasm for delivering the best customer experience based on innovation, affordability and reliability of products and services.

With significant operations in Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait and Egypt, the Batelco Group provides voice and data services over fixed, wireless, and internet platforms, systems integration and enterprise solutions to Government and Corporate clients.

Batelco's specialized services cover the full spectrum of telecommunications solutions for residential and business customers and span a comprehensive array of mobile services, international roaming, high speed Internet connections, WiFi, MPLS IP-VPN network provisioning and management, Datacoms and other fixed line services. Batelco is currently migrating to an all IP network as part of its 'Broadband Bahrain' national project. This major investment reflects Batelco's commitment for excellence which has reinforced Bahrain's position as a leading communications hub. The Company's shares are listed on the Bahrain Stock Exchange. Batelco had a total market capitalization of approximately \$ 3.3 billion at September 2006.

- Batelco established in 1981 as a Bahraini Shareholding Company.
- Evolved from a local telephone company with a capacity for 66,000 lines to become a regional leader specializing in a broad range of communications services including mobile, national and international telephony; business network services; internet and satellite services.
- Batelco meets the telecommunications needs of residential, business and public sectors and provides services and capacity to other communications companies.
- Recognized today as a world-class force in communications technology and services

Growth and Development

- Integral part of the Kingdom of Bahrain's economic growth and development.
- Investment of US\$1.3 billion in the Kingdom's network infrastructure over the past 25 years.
- Investment of US\$132 million in Training since 1981.
- From January to May 2006, trained 700 staff and invested US\$1.4 m in training and development to ensure Batelco's workforce is up-to-date with current and future needs.
- Net profits increased by 6% in 2005 up from US\$219 m to US\$231 m.
- Gross revenues increased by 4% from US\$ 539 m to US\$ 560.

Investment

- Tens of millions of dollars in Flag Telecom's Falcon Cable System.
- US\$ 56 m in Broadband enhancements, part of Broadband Bahrain initiative.
- US\$ 45 m to upgrade Bahrain's mobile network.
- US\$ 8.7 m to develop INFORT world-class Data Centre.
- US\$ 8 m per annum for Access Network Development.
- US\$ 1.6 m for Satellite Services Development

Telecom Services

- Batelco's specialized services cover the full spectrum of telecommunications solutions for residential and business customers including ICT solutions.
- Comprehensive array of mobile services, international roaming, high speed Internet connections, WiFi, MPLS IP-VPN network provisioning and management, Datacoms services, Provision and Support of PABX, high-tech, reliable fixed line services including National and International carrier class voice and VoIP.
- Provides services and capacity to other communications companies in Bahrain.
- GSM Network launched in 1995, one of the first in the Middle East, and today Batelco has a customer base of approximately 600,000 mobile customers.

BATELCO Group

Through Batelco's subsidiaries and joint ventures in Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait and Egypt the Company establishes a solid platform to support a raft of regional offerings.

Arabian Network Information Services (anis) – Bahrain

Batelco's wholly owned subsidiary, Arabian Network Information Services (anis) which provides state-of-the-art customized internet, intranet, extranet and e-business solutions is the vehicle through which Batelco approaches the ICT market in Bahrain and the region.

ANIS is a leading regional Systems and Network Integrator boasting an expanding client list which includes the banking and finance industry, government, oil and large enterprise sectors, hospitality groups and major real estate projects.

By developing core offerings in selling solutions that straddle the telecoms and IT markets, anis aims to service the ICT requirements of Batelco's existing business customers and new 'green-field' site developments.

[Visit website: http://www.anis.com.bh/](http://www.anis.com.bh/)

Umniah Mobile Communications - Jordan

Batelco acquired a 96% shareholding of Umniah in June, 2006. Umniah offers nationwide GSM mobile coverage with over 460 base stations across the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and has more than 520,000 mobile subscribers. Umniah started commercial operations in June 2005 and by focusing on innovation and value grew rapidly, gaining 13% of the Jordanian mobile market since its inception.

Batelco aims to be a significant integrated telecommunications operator in Jordan offering customers innovation, better value and choice for fixed and wireless solutions.

[Visit website: http://www.umniah.com/](http://www.umniah.com/)

Batelco Jordan – Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Batelco Jordan was formed in 2001, following the merger of National Equipment Telecommunications Systems (NETS) and First Telecommunications Group (FTG) with Batelco. The combination of the Internet content experience of NETS, the data communications provisions of FTG and Batelco's international expertise has proved to be a strong one; Batelco Jordan has emerged as the country's national industry leader.

Batelco Jordan's services extend beyond dial-up subscribers to include Broadband Internet, managed data services, leased lines, online solutions, interactive content, web design/hosting and Internet-based solutions and technologies for both individuals and corporations. Through these services, the company strives to integrate the Internet into the daily life of every Jordanian.

[Visit website: http://www.batelco.jo/](http://www.batelco.jo/)

Qualitynet – Kuwait

Qualitynet, a 44% Batelco-controlled subsidiary company, was established in 1998 in response to a public offering by Kuwait's Ministry of Communication, as part of a strategy to privatize Internet and data communications services within the State of Kuwait.

Qualitynet seized the opportunities offered by the emerging new telecommunications technologies to provide a total solution for new generation networks with strategic partnerships and innovative solutions. A rich pedigree and an impressive depth of expertise have allowed the company to move swiftly and nimbly, repositioning itself to meet the challenges of an era of convergence.

Despite the introduction of three competitors in the marketplace, Qualitynet remains the clear market leader in terms of both its Internet business and data communications services and continues to be the main service provider to government and the business community in Kuwait City.

[Visit Website:](http://www.qualitynet.net/) <http://www.qualitynet.net/>

Batelco Egypt Communications (S.A.E.) – Arab Republic of Egypt

Batelco Egypt Communications (S.A.E.) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Batelco Middle East, established in 2003 in Cairo as an Egyptian Joint Stock Closed Company.

The company obtained a public data network license from the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority in October 2003. Initially, the focus was on providing worldwide telecommunications services to corporate and multinational customers that already used the Cable & Wireless Global Frame Relay service and that have a presence in Egypt.

The managed global frame relay service, managed international private lines service and a global Internet access service, combine to form part of the company's one-stop-shop service, in a bid to cater for all of its customers' global needs.

[Visit website:](http://www.batelcoegypt.com/) <http://www.batelcoegypt.com/>