




Arab ICT Regulators' Network

**Transfer Learning & Capacity Building
through Networking**

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Vision



To be an association that works throughout the Arab region to develop the ICT sector in Arab countries, by advocating and implementing fair and transparent regulations, policies and procedures, arising from a clear basis, in an environment attractive to local and international investment, and to encourage their enforcement, especially in the areas of capacity building and exchanging regional know-how, expertise, and methods of institutional development, in order to serve the whole society and achieve sustainable development in the sector

Mission Statement



Support and develop the role of regulators in the Arab region by providing sound, transparent and consistent model regulatory frameworks, that contribute to the realization of sustainable development in the ICT sector. It also seeks to coordinate the positions of Network members in order to adopt a unified approach at regional and international ICT forums

Objectives



- Exchange information, ideas, and expertise aiming to unify regulatory practices in Network member countries
- Provide models for processes, policies and best practices to promote development
- Create an attractive environment for investors, by encouraging the implementation of transparent and consistent regulations, policies and procedures
- Co-ordinate the positions of Network members to adopt a unified approach at regional and international forums

Functions of the Network



- Facilitate capacity building among its members
- Provide professional assistance by co-coordinating the use of technical and professional expertise
- Monitor the quality of service and technology standards, and recommend improvements where required
- Keep abreast of international trends and developments
- Facilitate the development of a uniform level of understanding of regulatory matters, by regulators, policy makers, and other stakeholders
- Establish an effective information dissemination system to members and key stakeholders

Strategic Objectives 2004-2007 - I



- Reinforce the institutionalization of the Network and set its foundations by the following means:
 - Creating and maintaining a website
 - Creating an Arabic glossary of technical terminologies
 - Creating databases to help the Network and its members in decision-making
- Create a compendium of investment opportunities in the sector, that shows areas and opportunities for investment in member countries

Strategic Objectives 2004-2007 - II



- Create a general framework for policies and regulations governing the sector in the areas of licensing, interconnection, universal service, effective and fair competition, pricing, and dispute resolution
- Develop harmonized standards including enforcement of standard developed by other international bodies
- Build and develop human resources, exchange expertise and experts by organizing workshops, creating a database of experts and expertise, and establishing a platform for continuous interaction and exchange of opinions and know-how

Financial Resources



- Contributions from member countries
- Contributions from institutions, corporations, and private and public agencies in Arab and foreign countries
- The Presidency may, in coordination with the Coordination Committee seek funds from regional and international organizations
- Any other sources approved by the Network

International Collaboration



- The ITU
- Regional and sub-regional unions concerned with developing the ICT sector
- Regional and international banking groups
- Technical, economic, and legislative, regional and international organizations that are concerned with ICT regulation
- Academic institutions – regionally & internationally
- Other ICT regional networks

Conclusion



The development of the Network will face many challenges. Success in meeting these challenges will depend on close coordination between members, and on the clear articulation and focus on priority goals. Initial activities should focus on human resource development, capacity building and training opportunities for individual regulators, and on developing the infrastructure of the Network to promote coordination between Arab regulators on matters such as regulatory harmonization and development of common technical standards. Achieving these goals will require significant contributions from individual members, strong focus on achieving results and a willingness to pool resources for the common good of the region.

Thank You

