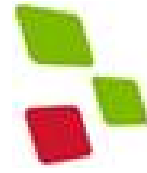




## Regional Development Forum for the Arab Region

“ICT = I C Tomorrow”



28 October 2013, Manama, Bahrain

TRA Bahrain

### Agenda

28 October 2013	
08:00 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 09:55	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Mr. Peter Grohmann</b>, UN Resident Coordinator, Bahrain: Welcome Remarks</li><li>- <b>Mr. Brahima Sanou</b>, Director, BDT/ITU: Opening Remarks</li><li>- <b>Mr. Mohammed Bubshait</b>, Director General of the TRA: Host Country Address</li></ul> <p><u>Launch of Key ICT Initiatives</u></p> <p><u>Appointment of the Chair</u></p>
09:55 – 10:15	<b>Group Photo &amp; Coffee Break</b>
10:15 – 11:30	<b>Session 1: Strategies for supporting sustainable development using ICTs</b> <p><b>Moderator : Mr. Mohamed ben Amor, Director General, Counselor of Minister, Tunisia</b></p> <p>Sustainable Development has become a key policy point to all Countries. ICTs have a crucial role to play by increasing environmental efficiency and enabling such innovations as intelligent transport systems (ITS) and "smart" water, energy and waste management.</p> <p>This session offer an open platform to share experiences and to exchange knowledge in the interests of identifying the frameworks needed to support the integration of ICT services in national development strategies.</p> <p>Structure of Session 1 :</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Mr. Slaheddine Maaref</b>, Senior Advisor, ITU ARO</li> <li>– <b>Eng. Saleh Tarradah</b>, Chairman, ICT Committee, Federation of Arab Engineers</li> <li>– <b>Ms. Ebtisam Abdulla Farea</b>, Director of Information Centre for Women, Supreme Council for Women, Bahrain</li> <li>– <b>Mr. Fareed Bushehri</b>, UNEP, Bahrain</li> <li>– <b>Dr. Ahmed El-Dorghamy</b>, Energy &amp; Environment Expert, CEDARE</li> <li>– <b>Mr. Shabkhez Mahmood</b>, Ernst &amp;Young</li> <li>– <b>Dr. Shiv Bakshi</b>, Ericsson</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:45-13:00	<p><b>Session 2: The Development of ICT for Job Creation</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Dr. Nibal Idlebi, Chief ICT Applications Section, UN-ESCWA</b></p> <p>ICT is a fundamental resource and platform for creating new jobs. The ICT sector is one of the fastest growing in most of the economies, and the competitiveness of all productive sectors rely on the capacity to embrace the power of new technologies. In this session we will discuss how partnership between ICT solutions providers and other economic stakeholders can accelerate and facilitate the process of new jobs creation</p> <p>Structure of Session 2 :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Mr. Mustafa Al Mahdi</b>, Associate Programme Officer, ITU ARO</li> <li>– <b>Mr. Mohamed Allam</b>, Manager, Bahrain Business Incubator Center</li> <li>– <b>Mr. Khalid Al Qoud</b>, AlQoud Consultancy</li> <li>– <b>Dr. Abdulilah Dewachi</b>, Consultant, Lebanon</li> <li>– <b>Mr. Ameer Yousif</b>, CEO, Openinside Co., Bahrain</li> <li>– <b>Mr. David Hughes</b>, Intercai Mondiale, Management Consultants</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>

14:00 - 15:15	<p><b>Session 3: ICT for Quality Education Services</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Davide Storti, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO</b></p> <p>“In today’s world teachers need to be equipped not only with subject-specific expertise and effective teaching methodologies, but with the capacity to assist students to meet the demands of the emerging knowledge-based society. Teachers therefore require familiarity with new forms of information and communication technology and need to have the ability to use that technology to enhance the quality of teaching and learning”, UNESCO, ICT in Education Report.</p> <p>Structure of Session 3 :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Ms. Rouda Al Amir</b>, Programme Officer, ITU ARO</li> <li>– <b>Eng. Mohamed Gheyath</b>, Director General of “Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Initiative for Smart Learning”, UAE</li> <li>– <b>Mr. Simon Minler</b>, Director of Policy, Facebook</li> <li>– <b>Mrs. Nevine ElKadi</b>, Sr. Manager Corporate Affairs, Global Engagement Organization, Turkey Middle East North Africa, Cisco.</li> <li>– <b>Mr. Meshaal Albardooli</b>, Acting Director, Regional Centre for Information &amp; Communication Technology, RCICT</li> <li>– <b>Mr. Davide Storti</b>, UNESCO, Communication and Information Sector</li> <li>– <b>Dr. Salem Alagtrash</b>, Chairman's Senior Advisor on ICT and technology Managing Director - Administration, Education and Research, Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>
15:15 - 15:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:30 - 16:30	<p><b>Session 4: ICTs as a Catalyst for Improving Health</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Dr. Ashraf Abdelwahab</b>, Corporate Affairs Manager, Microsoft MEA</p> <p>This session considers the role that ICT plays in ensuring that health information is provided to health workers and consumers in support to improve the quality of health services.</p>

	<p>Structure of Session 4 :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>HE Magdalena Gaj</b>, President of Office of Electronic Communications, Poland</li> <li>– <b>Mr. Karim Abdelghani</b>, Programme Coordinator, ITU ARO</li> <li>– <b>Dr. Nezar Maroof</b>, Director of Strategy and Business Process Reengineering, eGovernment Authority, Bahrain</li> <li>– <b>Dr. Zahid Ali Faheem</b>, General Secretary, Trustee, Founder and Board Member, e-Health Association of Pakistan</li> <li>– <b>Dr. Ibrahim El Nawakhdeh</b>, Programme and Project Consultant, Ministry of Health Bahrain</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>
16:30-17:15	<p><b>Session 5: WSIS beyond 2015</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Eng. Ebrahim Al Haddad</b>, Regional Director, ITU Arab Regional Office</p> <p>This session will provide an opportunity to dialogue in a multistakeholder set-up on the vision for WSIS beyond 2015, in particular identifying some of regional challenges and opportunities to be taken into account within the framework of the WSIS review process. The WSIS+10 High Level Event will review the WSIS Outcomes (2003 and 2005), in particular, related to the Action Lines with a view to developing proposals on a new vision beyond 2015, potentially also exploring new targets. The meeting will be organized taking into account decisions of the 68th Session of the UN General Assembly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Panelists :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Mr. Nasser Bin Hammad</b>, Int. Affairs Director TRA, UAE</li> <li>– <b>Dr. Nibal Idlebi</b>, Chief ICT Applications Section, UN-ESCWA</li> <li>– <b>Mr. Jaroslav Ponder</b>, Strategy and Policy Advisor and Coordinator for Europe Region, BDT/ITU</li> <li>– <b>Ms. Nermine El Saadany</b>, Director of International Relations, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Egypt</li> <li>– <b>Eng. Ahmed Eisa</b>, Chairman, GEDAREF Digital City Organization, Sudan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
17:15 - 17:30	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ITU</li> <li>• TRA Bahrain</li> </ul>