## ITU/BDT Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications/ICTs for Arab States

## Nouakchott-Mauritania, 17-18 May 2017

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| 8.30 – 9.00 | **Registration** |
| 9.00 – 9.30 | **Opening Session**<br>- Representative of ITU ARO<br>- Representative of Mauritania |
| 9.30- 9.45 | **Key note speaker :** UN-RC Nouakchott |
| 9.45 – 11.30 | **Session 1 :  The Socio-economic impact of the development of ICTs**<br><br>ICTs are perceived as a main pillar of the knowledge-based economy, and the integration of ICTs contribute to the development of critical infrastructure, education, healthcare, youth employment and other vital sectors and to the development of public services such as e-government and e-commerce which are current priorities of all countries. |
| **11.30 - 12.00** | **Coffee Break** |
| 12.00 – 14.00 | **Session2:  Digital opportunities for Employment and Economic Growth**<br><br>Youth unemployment rates in the Arab region are among the highest in the world.<br>ICTs contribute to creating an enabling environment that fosters innovation to solve national problems and accelerate socioeconomic development and growth. |
| **14.00 - 15.00** | **Lunch Break** |

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| 9.00 – 11.00 | **Session 3 : Role of ICTs to support national health-care services**<br><br>Health systems face stringent economic challenges and greater demands to provide more and better care, especially in areas and social categories most in need.<br><br>The adoption of national strategies related to e-Health can provide efficient and affordable health services to the public. Collaboration between ICT and health stakeholders in both public and private sectors is key for creating enabling environment for e-health. |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | **Coffee Break** |
| 11.30 – 13.30 | **Session 4 : Role of ICTs in Education**<br><br>The Goal 4 in the SDGs is to "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all". Hence, to reach this target, ICTs need to be utilized to transform from traditional educational systems to smart ones. |
| 13.30 – 14.00 | **Closing and Discussion** |
| 14.00 - 15.00 | **Lunch Break** |