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Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and Academia
- Regional Organizations in the Arab Region

Subject: **ITU Regional Development Forum for the Arab Region on “Broadband for Sustainable Development”, Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 23-24 March 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU Regional Development Forum for the Arab Region on “Broadband for Sustainable Development”, to be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The Forum will be held in Amman from 23 to 24 March 2015.

Regional Development Forums provide an opportunity for high-level dialogue between the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and decision-makers of ITU Member States and Sector Members. They serve as a platform for assessing strategic orientations that may have an impact on BDT’s regional work plan in between world telecommunication development conferences. In this context, these Forums will report on the activities of the Dubai Action Plan, with particular emphasis on regional initiatives in order to get feedback from membership to adjust BDT’s work in the regions.

The Forum will discuss in detail the five regional initiatives approved by WTDC-14, providing members with an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practice in the implementation of these initiatives. It will also pay special attention to the new ITU Strategic Plan for 2016-2019, the activities of the ITU-D Study Groups, and the activities of the ITU Centres of Excellence. The draft agenda of the Forum is attached.

The Forum will be conducted in Arabic and English, with simultaneous interpretation. Please note that all information related to the Forum; including presentations and Country Information Note, will be available on the ITU website at:

<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/ArabStates/Pages/Events/2015/RDF/RDF.aspx>

No participation fee is required for this event. To participate, please register online using the link available at http://www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-D/workshop/edrs.registration.form?_eventid=4000223 **no later than 15 March 2015.**

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Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annex: Draft agenda



**ITU Regional Development Forum for the Arab States
(RDF-ARB)
*Broadband for Sustainable Development***



**Organized by the
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
At the kind invitation of the
Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC)
Jordan**

**23-24 March 2015
Amman, Jordan**

Draft Agenda day 1 - 23 March 2015

08:30 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:00 Welcome Addresses

- H.E. Dr. Azzam Sleit, Ministry of Information and Communications Technology of Jordan (MoICT)
- H.E. Mr. Mohammad Al-Taani, CEO, Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC)
- H.E. Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU

10:00 – 10:30 Group Photo and Coffee Break

Session 1: Review of implementation of the Arab regional initiatives 2011-2014 & lessons learned.

10:30 – 11:00 ITU-D Regional Initiatives in the Arab region

11:00 – 11:15 Open discussions and feedback

Session 2: Regional Initiative ARB1- Development of broadband access and adoption of broadband.

11:15 – 11:45 Key presentation on Broadband for sustainable development, GSMA

11:45 – 12:00 Regional Initiative ARB1 – three-year plan for the Arab region

12:00 – 12:15 Discussions

12:15 – 14:00 Lunch Break

Session 3: Regional Initiative ARB2- Building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs.

14:00 – 14:15 Key presentation on Cybersecurity for sustainable development, TBD

14:15 – 14:30 Regional Initiative ARB2 – three-year plan for the Arab region

14:30– 15:15	Discussions
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee Break
Session 4:	Regional Initiative ARB3- Use of telecommunications/ ICTs for smart and sustainable development and protection of the environment
15:45 – 16:00	Key presentation on Use of telecommunications/ICTs for smart and sustainable development and protection of the environment, UNESCWA
16:00 – 16:15	Regional Initiative ARB3– three-year plan for the Arab region
16:15 – 17:00	

Draft Agenda day 2 - 24 March 2015

Session 5:	Regional Initiative ARB4- Smart learning.
09:00 – 09:15	Key presentation on smart learning, TBD
09:15 – 09:30	Regional Initiative ARB4– three-year plan for the Arab region
09:30 – 10:15	Discussions
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
Session 6:	Regional Initiative ARB5- Ensuring access to telecommunications/ICTs, in particular for persons with disabilities.
10:45 – 11:00	Key presentation on PWDs for sustainable development, TBD
11:00 – 11:15	Regional Initiative ARB5 – three-year plan for the Arab region
11:15 – 12:00	Discussions
Session 7:	ITU-D Study Groups, ITU Centres of Excellence, Membership/Academia
12:00 – 13:00	
13:00 – 13:30	Closing Remarks Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC)
13:30	Lunch & Farewell