

ITU REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL FORUM OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICTs FOR Arab Region

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Draft Agenda

Tuesday 29 November

08.30 – 09.00 ***Delegates registration***

09.00 – 09.30 ***Opening Ceremony***

- TRA-Bahrain Representative
- ITU Representative
- Chairman SG3RG-ARB
- Video ITU 150th Anniversary

Coffee break

09.45 – 11.00 **SESSION 1: Economic Impact of OTT services**

- Overview of the New Eco-System, trends, drivers & issues
- OTTs (or CAP, Content and Application Providers) as major enablers of growth
- The OTT business model
- The Challenges faced by Telecom Network Operators: Investment/Profit
- The impact on usage and prices for consumers
- The new Digital value chain

11.00 – 12.30 **SESSION 2: Alternative calling procedures**

- Overview of the topic: what is it about, what is the history
- IP telephony : Overview of current practice
- What is currently done and what are the issues

Lunch break

14.00– 15.30

SESSION 3: Digital Financial Inclusion: Connectivity for All (m-banking / m-payment)

- Why is financial inclusion and access for all to mobile money and m-banking services key in a digital world? What could be the social and economic impact?
- What are the roles of financial regulators (central banks) and ICT regulators? How to build synergies at the national level? Who's in charge?
- Consumer Protection

Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00

FINAL CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING
