



The Arab Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications

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Draft Agenda

6 December 2016	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Opening and welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">- OBC- ITU
09:30 – 10:30	Session 1: Why investing in BB <p>Access to affordable broadband has a positive effect in terms of meeting the most basic needs of the individuals, communities and businesses. The ultimate goal is to reduce the digital divide and improve access to broadband to unserved and underserved areas, whether these are urban or rural.</p> <p>Broadband investments are also associated with delivering socio-economic benefits, such as creating stronger community relationships, supporting regional development, promoting competition and attracting/retaining investment in other sectors.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Q&A</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2: Network infrastructure options <p>This session will discuss the infrastructure options that should be considered when seeking to develop access to broadband services.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Q&A</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break



14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 3: Minimizing barriers to BB adoption</p> <p>Broadband Plans should be designed to minimize the barriers to take-up by service providers and end users, in order to ensure that services are available and people actually use them. It is important to ensure that service providers have access to active or passive infrastructure at a reasonable price and under conditions that are open, fair, transparent and non-discriminatory.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Q&A</p>
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09:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 4: Investment models</p> <p>This session will discuss the role of the Public sector, local Communities and Private sector in different investment models, which could be adopted to develop and adopt broadband infrastructure.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Q&A</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 5: Expanding PPP to broadband services and applications</p> <p>This session will discuss the ways in which PPPs can be used to stimulate the development of broadband services and applications, and boost research and development to meet the market needs.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Q&A</p>
12:30 – 13:00	Closing Session /Remarks
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break