



ITU Regional Develop Forum for the Arab Region (RDF-ARB)

19th March 2019

Beirut, Lebanon

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Arab High-level Forum on WSIS and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development– 19-21 March 2019

Draft Agenda

Time and Location	Agenda Item
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:30 Main Hall	Opening Ceremony of the Second Arab High-level Forum on WSIS and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
10:30 – 11:00	Group Photo and Coffee Break
Session 1: 11:00 – 12:00 Mezzanine Hall	<p>Regional Implementation: 2019 and Beyond <i>This session will aim at discussing the regional implementation of the outcomes of WTDC-17 and PP-18 with the aim of contributing to the implementation of the WSIS and SDGs</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Ebrahim Al Haddad, Regional Director, ITU Arab Regional Office <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Haidar Fraihat, Director Technology for Development Division, UNESCWA• Mr. Mohamed Ben Amor, Secretary General, AICTO• Ms. Shahira Selim, Senior Manager ITU Affairs, NTRA Egypt• Ms. Zeina Bouharb, Head of International Cooperation, OGERO, Lebanon
Session 2: 12:00 - 13:00 Mezzanine Hall	<p>Regional Partnerships for WSIS and SDGs <i>This session will focus on the areas where different stakeholders should collaborate regionally to promote WSIS and SDGs in the Arab region.</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Karim Abdelghani, Programme Coordinator, ITU Arab Regional Office <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. George Awad, CI Advisor, UNESCO Beirut Office• Mr. Ibrahim Dajani, Program Leader for Infrastructure, World Bank• Mr. Jawad Abbasi, Head of MENA, GSMA• Ms. Salam Yamout, Regional Director Middle east, ISOC

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

Session 3: Implementation of the ITU Regional Initiatives for the Arab Region

14:00 - 15:30

This session will be an open discussion focusing on the status for implementation of the following regional initiatives:

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- [ARB1: Environment, climate change and emergency telecommunications](#)
- [ARB2: Confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs](#)
- [ARB3: Digital financial inclusion](#)
- [ARB4: Internet of Things, smart cities and big data](#)
- [ARB5: Innovation and entrepreneurship](#)

Moderator:

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- **Mr. Mustafa Al Mahdi**, Programme Administrator, ITU Arab Regional Office

Panelists:

- **Mr. Elias Aad**, Vice President MEA Government Business Leader, Mastercard
- **Ms. Marianne Karam**, Director of MENA Operations and Lebanon Country Director, Dot. Lebanon

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

Session 4: Activities related to ITU Study Groups (ITU-D, ITU-T and ITU-R), Centers of Excellence and Academia Membership

16:00 - 16:45

This session will update membership on ITU SGs questions ongoing works, new selected ITU Arab CoEs Network and Academia membership.

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16:45 – 17:00 Closing Remarks

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- **Ms. Yvonne Sleiman**, Head of International Relations and Maintenance services Ministry of Telecommunications, Lebanon
- **Mr. Ebrahim Al Haddad**, Regional Director, ITU Arab Regional Office