



Arab States REM & West Asia Outlook

Launch event and sharing of findings

1st December 2021 – 10:00 – 11:00 CET

Background:

This joint event by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) will mark the launch of the **Regional E-waste Monitor (REM) of the Arab States** by ITU and UNITAR, and share findings of the **West Asia 2050 E-waste Outlook** by UNEP and UNITAR. The two projects aim to bolster the production and access of e-waste data in the region under the Global E-waste Statistics Partnership. Data on e-waste is vital to inform policy and public and private decision-making for fair and effective e-waste management, including to evaluate developments over time, and to set and access targets.

The Regional E-waste Monitor for the Arab States aims to provide a harmonized and holistic overview of the current e-waste situation in the Arab States region. The Arab States REM is a compilation of intra-regional and internally comparable e-waste information on 21 countries plus the State of Palestine (ITU PP Res. 99 Rev. Dubai, 2018) that are located in Northern Africa and Western Asia, members of the League of Arab States and sharing the Arabic language.

The 2050 E-waste Outlook for West Asia is a forward-looking and therefore complementary document to the REM. Using demographic and circular pathways, the paper projects the electrical and electronic equipment placed on the market, e-waste generation and e-waste management for the region, and the environmental and social gains.

Objective:

The objective of the launch event is to mark the launch of the Regional E-waste Monitor for Arab States publication and share finding of the 2050 electrical and electronic waste outlook in West Asia with a purpose of harmonizing e-waste data and promoting actions on electrical and electronic waste in the Arab region. The Arab States Regional E-waste Monitor and the 2050 E-waste Outlook aim to provide an overview of the current e-waste situation in the region and enable public and private stakeholders to use the data collected to make informed decisions for e-waste management, which can help reduce e-waste generation, prevent illegal dumping, promote recycling and create jobs in the sector. The launch event will highlight some of the key e-waste statistics observed and projected, whilst providing a platform to expand the discussion based on these findings to stakeholders from across the region. The launch event will also help promote the work of ITU, UNITAR/UNU and UNEP on e-waste management in the region.

Audience:

Event is open all and specifically targeting policy makers, regulators and industry from ICTs, environment and statistics offices and entities.

Interpretation:

The event will be conducted in Arabic, English and French with simultaneous interpretation.



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Access to virtual room:

Registered participants from Arab and West Asia regions will be able to access the virtual Zoom platform in advance of the event. Please ensure you are registered [here](#).

Agenda

Moderator: Ms. Vanessa Gray, Head, Environment & Emergency Telecommunications Division, ITU

Time (CET)	Speakers
09:30 – 10:00	Room Opening
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome Remarks <i>Mr. Ahmed Raghy, Senior Advisor, ITU Arab Regional Office</i> <i>Dr. Kees Balde, Senior Programme Officer, United Nations University</i> <i>Mr. Abdul-Majeid Haddad, Deputy Regional Director, UNEP West Asia Office</i>
10:10 – 10:15	Project Overview: The Regional E-waste Monitor of the Arab States <i>Mr. Mustafa Al Mahdi, Programme Officer, Arab Regional Office, ITU.</i>
10:15 – 10:20	Project Overview: West Asia 2050 E-waste Outlook <i>Mr. Iyngararasan Mylvaka, Programme Officer, UNEP.</i>
10:20 – 10:40	Findings and key messages from the projects <i>Dr. Kees Balde, Senior Programme Officer, United Nations University</i>
10:40 – 10:55	Audience Q & A
10:55 – 11:00	Closing Remarks <i>Ms. Vanessa Gray, Head, Environment & Emergency Telecommunications Division, ITU.</i>