**Summary report on the work in progress
in the Arab Regulators Network of Telecommunications
and Information Technologies (AREGNET)**

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1. AREGNET inception

The Arab Regulators Network of Telecommunications and Information Technologies (AREGNET) was established on the basis of the final statement issued during the first symposium of the regulatory institutions of telecommunications in the Arab region, held in Algiers on 19th-21st April, 2003 and in accordance with the provisions of these basic rules and the amendments thereto.

The permanent secretariat of AREGNET is ensured by the Regulatory of Postal and Electronic Communications (Algeria).

2. AREGNET Objectives

To meet the different challenges of telecommunication regulation, a set of objectives have been assigned to AREGNET. The main objectives of AREGNET are as follows:

1. Exchange of views and experiences regarding the regulation of telecommunication sector.
2. Develop policies and models of fair and transparent regulations and procedures to guide the achievement of service comprehensiveness and sustainable development in telecommunication sector.
3. Coordinate in order to harmonize the regulatory practices in the Arab world through the exchange of information and seek to unify these practices and work to adopt similar positions.
4. Provide transparent and harmonized organizational models, policies and procedures aimed at promoting the development and modernization of network and ICT services in an efficient and appropriate manner.
5. Create a competitive environment, in order to ensure that ICT services are provided to the users at the most cost-efficient and at the highest level of quality.
6. Seek to coordinate the position of AREGNET members to adopt a unified opinion in the regional and international forums related to the regulation, within the limits of the functions and tasks assigned to the network.

3. AREGNET missions

To better promote and make AREGNET a space for the Arab telecommunications regulators bodies where they could cooperate, collaborate and exchange ideas and experiences, a set of missions has been approved by the AREGNET members. The following are the main missions:

1. Facilitate and support the capacity-building process of the network members through cooperation in providing training and exchange of experiences.

2. Coordinate in order to harmonize standards and to unify policies of organization and procedures related to standards that are universally adopted.

3. Follow-up the patterns of global developments related to the sector in order to facilitate its development in the Arab world.

4. Promote the large liberalization of the sector through stimulating competition and a greater participation of the private sector.

5. Encourage and cooperate for the establishment of regulatory institutions, endowed with enough prerogatives, in countries where such institutions do not exist.

6. Cooperate with regional and international organizations and other networks of the sector, exchange information with them and develop relations with their counterparts, within the objectives of the network.

7. Coordinate the preparation of studies on the regulatory aspects of the sector to serve the common interests of the members.

8. Organize meetings, workshops and conference related to the regulatory aspects of the sector.

9. Coordinate the work of the members to achieve the network goals, and follow the progress achieved in the implementation of close systems, policies and procedures, as well as providing support to members whenever necessary.

10. Contribute in creating an attractive investment climate and promote investment related to the sector in the region.

4. Annual meeting of the Arab Regulators Network

The Arab Regulators Network of Telecommunications and Information Technologies (ARGENET) held its 19th annual meeting virtually on 4-5th December 2022. The meeting was attended by the heads and representatives of the Arab Telecommunication Regulators from 16 Arab countries.

5. AREGNET projects

The following projects have been approved by the AREGNET members. For each project, a leader has been identified. The leader is the focal point for the project, he or she should provide the AREGNET permanent secretariat with all information related to the advancement of the project.

1. Study on the Impacts of Over-The-Top (OTT) applications and services on the socio-economic and security fields.
2. Telecommunications price benchmarking study for the Arab countries.
3. International mobile roaming study in the Arab region.

4. Emergency telecommunication network in the Arab region.

5. Guidelines on 5G technology.

6. Use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the information and communications technology (ICT) sector.

7. Integrated Communications Platforms project.

6. The meeting of the twentieth ordinary session of the AREGNET

The twentieth ordinary session of the AREGNET will take place on 2023 in Sudan.