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Dr. Abdulhadi has held various leadership roles in ETISALAT, UAE, since 2008. He is currently the head of Technology Standardization, Spectrum Management, IoT / Smart City development and Radio Access Transformation (e.g. NB-IoT, 5G). Before 2008, he joined three UAE universities and research centers. In addition, he has been leading several national and international projects including propagation modeling for Gulf region, cost modeling of telecom services, analysis of business challenges/opportunities, and modeling/optimization of wireless systems/networks. With over 10 years of wide experience in the work of international organizations (e.g. ITU, 3GPP and GSMA), he has been chairing various technical groups such as ITU-T SG20/Q6 on IoT / Smart City, ITU-T Focus Group on Data Processing and Management. He is Liaison Rapporteur of ITU-T SG20 with ITU-R and 3GPP on IoT and Smart City. He is a coordinator of Arab Spectrum Management Group (ASMG) for ITU-R WRC-19 agenda on MTC / IoT (AI 9.1.8) and Mobile 5G/IMT2020 (AI 1.13, CPM Group), and he has been ASMG coordinator for relevant agenda in previous ITU-R WRC's (e.g. 700 Band in Region 1).

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