

Noha Gaafar, currently Expert of International Policies at the National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA) of Egypt, has around 20 years of experience in the telecom regulatory field, interfacing with international experts and officials from other NRAs and international organizations.

She worked among different domains, since she has joined NTRA in 2002. She has gained good experience in the International domain of telecommunications through her work at the International Relations Department of NTRA for over 10 years (2008 – 2019). Further, she experienced the regulatory and national planning dimensions of telecommunications.

Noha was an expert at the Strategic Planning Sector of NTRA, where she handled planning for NTRA to become a fifth generation regulator (G5) according to the ITU regulatory Indexing. In that context, she drafted a white paper about RIA (Regulatory Impact Assessment).

She also served as Regional Cooperation Senior Manager starting 2014, being responsible for coordinating cooperation activities with NTRA counterparts from Asia Pacific region. In that capacity, Noha participated in the hosting and organization of two of the most important international events of telecommunications, GSR-16 and WRC-19, in 2016 and 2019 respectively, in addition to some other regional events. In 2010, she was assigned the UNDP file, becoming responsible for following up all its development projects within NTRA. Besides, she joined the European file, under which she managed a Twinning Project between NTRA and the Italian and German regulators, and which was financed by the European Commission Aid Programme in coordination with the SAAP (Support to the Association Agreement Programme) of the Egyptian Ministry of International Cooperation. Prior to that she was assigned the file of Internet Governance in 2008; focusing on analyzing Internet political issues discussed within ICANN. She organized two Internet Governance workshops in cooperation with Diplo Foundation for NTRA experts in preparation for hosting IGF in 2010.

Before that, Noha had had worked in the Technical Affairs department for four years, where she participated in various administrative tasks and international activities in relation to the ITU, and its Arab Regional Office, and followed up on NTRA international/regional activities in different entities such as ATU, COMESA, and ARICEA. Moreover, she witnessed the establishment of the Arab Regulators Network, after which she was appointed as NTRA focal point for some of the network projects in 2005, besides coordinating and following up the activities of other NTRA experts in these projects. Hence, in the field of international relations Noha has proficiency in drafting and handling MoUs/Joint Communiqué/International Agreements with other NRAs or International/Regional Organizations, in addition to project management, diplomatic protocols, and negotiation skills.

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