



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

(UNESCWA Arab High Level Forum on WSIS and SDGs – 19-21 March 2019)

19th March 2019

Beirut, Lebanon

Draft Agenda

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome Addresses

- **Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin**, Director of Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU
- **HL Representative**, Ministry of Telecommunications, Lebanon

09:15 – 09:45 Group Photo and Coffee Break

Session 1: Regional Implementation: 2019 and Beyond

09:45 – 11:00

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

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

Session 2: Regional Partnerships for WSIS and SDGs

11:30 – 12:30

This session will focus on the areas where different stakeholders should collaborate regionally to promote WSIS and SDGs in the Arab region.

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

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

13:30 – 14:30

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

- *ARB1: Environment, climate change and emergency telecommunications*
- *ARB2: Confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs*

Session 4: Implementation of the ITU Regional Initiatives for the Arab Region

14:30 – 15:30 *This session will be an open discussion focusing on the status for implementation of the following regional initiatives:*

ARB3: Digital financial inclusion

ARB4: Internet of Things, smart cities and big data

ARB5: Innovation and entrepreneurship

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**

Session 5: Activities related to ITU Study Groups (ITU-D, ITU-T and ITU-R), Centers of Excellence (CoEs) 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.

16:45 – 17:00 **Closing Remarks**

- **Representative**, Ministry of Telecommunications, Lebanon
- **Mr. Ebrahim Al Haddad**, Regional Director, ITU Arab Regional Office
- **Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin**, Director of Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU