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Contributing partners:

Centre for Digital Studies - Rakmana

Internet Society - ISOC



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Wednesday 22 January 2020

08:30– 10:00 Access cards

09:45 - 10:45 **Introductory session by ArabIGF-V host and partners on Internet governance concepts** **Room M5**

Introduction on Internet governance issues: International and regional launch, nature and processes

ArabIGF-V Sessions

11:00 - 12:00 **Opening session** **Room M1**

Introductory notes

ArabIGF-V Multi-stakeholder Programme Advisory Committee (On behalf of)

Mr. Charles Sha'ban, Executive Director, Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property, Jordan

Arab IGF main partners and contributing entities (On behalf of)

Mr. Baher Esmat, ICANN, Egypt

Mr. Chafic Chaya, RIPE NCC, UAE

Ms. Nermine Saadany, ISOC Middle East, Egypt

Mr. Waheed Abdel Megeed, Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies, Egypt

Mr. Hago Dafalla, Zawia University, Libya

Official statements

Umbrella Organizations of Arab IGF: ESCWA and League of Arab States (On behalf of)

Mr. Khalid Wali, Director of ICT Department, League of Arab States

Mr. Ayman El-Sherbiny, Chief of ICT Policies Section, ESCWA

Technical Secretariat of Arab IGF: National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA) (On behalf of)

Ms. Christine Arida, Director of planning and telecom services, NTRA, Egypt

Arab IGF-V contributing partners (On behalf of)

Mr. Qusai AlShatty, International Expert on Internet Governance, Kuwait

Arab IGF-V Host entity – Arab Administrative Development Organization (ARADO) (On behalf of)

Mr. Nasser Al Qahtani, ARADO Director General, and Chairperson of ArabIGF-V

12:00 – 12:30 Break

12:30 - 14:00 **Main Plenary Session 1** **Room M1**

Contribution to Internet Global Public Policymaking: From Internet Governance to Digital Cooperation

The session covers the Internet policies and policymaking at the regional and international levels, and means for enabling institutions in the Arab region to participate in the making of these policies. The discussions will cover the current status of Internet public-policies and the entities engaged in

policymaking, progress at the international level in the area of enhanced cooperation (CSTD, ITU), related future prospects, and the main proposals of IGF 2018 and 2019. Furthermore, the speakers will review the Arab public policies in the area of Internet and propose best ways to facilitate a more effective participation of Arab countries in the process to safeguard the region's interest in this regard.

Chair/Moderator: **Mr. Qusai AlShatty**, International Expert on Internet Governance, Kuwait

Speakers: **Mr. Ibaa Oueichek**, Advisor to the Minister of Telecommunication & Technology, Syria
Ms. Olga Cavalli, Vice Chair of ICANN Government Advisory Committee (*Remotely*)
Ms. Nadira Alaraj, Active Volunteer in ICANN and Middle East strategy working group
Mr. Karim Abdelghani, Programme Coordinator, ITU Arab Regional Office
Mr. Richard Hill, President, Association for Proper Internet Governance, Switzerland (*Remotely*)
Mr. Vladimir Radunovic, Director, E-diplomacy and Cybersecurity, Diplo Foundation, Serbia (*Remotely*)

Web moderator: **Ms. Mirna Barbar**, Programme Management Officer, ESCWA

Rapporteur: **Ms. Yvonne Sleiman**, Ministry of Telecommunications, Lebanon

14:00 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 16:30

Main Plenary Session 2

Room M1

Meaningful access for inclusion and diversity

Internet access needs to be meaningful and inclusive to enable potential development benefits; and while the deployment of digital and broadband technologies increases, the impact varies from country to country and the digital divides continue to increase in number and grow in depth. Examples of the divides may be found in the areas of digital innovation, digital economy, privacy and protection. Therefore, efforts need to be deployed to provide access that adds value and increases digital opportunities, which, in turn, require a participatory approach between countries and stakeholders to overcome a number of issues. Among these issues and in addition to investment in infrastructure, human capacity building is required as well as enabling innovation and developing a digital entrepreneurship environment that paves the way to new prospects in sustainable development processes.

Chairperson: **Mr. Khaled Wali**, Director of ICT Development Sector, League of Arab States

Moderator: **Mr. Mansour Farah**, International Expert in Technology for Development, Syria

Speakers: **Ms. Noha Fathy**, Freelance Consultant, Egypt
Mr. Yousef Asfour, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Mr. Driss Kettani, Al-Akhawin University, Morocco
Mr. Baher Ismat, ICANN, Egypt

Web moderator: **Ms. Zeina BouHarb**, OGERO, Lebanon

Rapporteur: **Ms. Fatna El Farsi**, Ministry of Economy, Finance, and Administration Reform, Morocco

Thursday 23 January 2020

09:30 – 11:00

Main Plenary Session 3

Room M1

Digital transformation and digital economy

The session covers the topics of digital transformation and digital economy that have become key areas in addressing the economic development methods and models in light of the amazing technological advancements and the multitude of available applications and their economic and social impacts. Discussions seek to clarify the concepts of digital transformation and digital economy and overview the basic success criteria for digital transformation and the potential roles of various actors in the path towards the digital economy and digital transformation in a globalized world. It covers the following main points:

- 1- What is meant by the digital economy and what are its main enablers?
- 2- What is the role of ethical and legal dimensions and jurisdiction (cross-border challenges)?
- 3- Where does the Arab region stand in comparison with other regions, and what are the region's ambitions for digital transformation?
- 4- What are the conditions/prerequisites for achieving access to applications and services?
- 5- What is the role of capacity building in the process of transition to the digital economy?
- 6- How can the ArabIGF process contribute to promoting the digital economy in the Arab region and what is the role of various stakeholders in digital transformation?
- 7- How can the open dialogue impact digital transformation in the region and what are the challenges facing the adoption of digital strategies?

Chairperson: **Ms. Ghada Labib**, Deputy Minister of Telecommunications, Egypt

Moderator: **Mr. Mostafa Khattab**, Head of IT Activities Group, ARADO

Speakers: **Ms. Kamla Al-Rahbi**, Team Leader of Information and Statistics, Ministry of Technology and Communications, Oman
Mr. Eric Dunand, Senior Digital Development Specialist, World Bank Group
Ms. Mona Remlawi, WIPO (*Remotely*)
Mr. Ashraf Abdel Wahab, Systems Applications and Products (SAP), Egypt

Web moderator: **Ms. Zahr Bou-Ghanem**, Research Assistant, ESCWA

Rapporteur: **Mr. Ridha Guellouz**, President, Tunisian ICT Association

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:00 Main Plenary Session 4

Room M1

Cyber security, privacy, trust and peace

The issue of cyberspace security has many implications for trust within the digital environment, which has become an international facility and at the same time exposed to threats by actors from various countries and other threats by non-state actors. This increases the importance of addressing these threats in order to improve response patterns, especially with the escalation of the violation of privacy and the threat of militarization of cyberspace. This requires an Arab effort through the forum to cooperate with international efforts in order to support the peaceful use of cyberspace and try to complement the previous efforts of the forum with the outcomes of the Global Internet Governance Forum in Berlin, Germany. Thus, appropriate policies need to be developed and consensus built to try to formulate an Arab vision that expresses priorities and interests of the region in order to enhance opportunities for development and peacebuilding in conflict areas through cyberspace, while encouraging a culture of tolerance for coexistence. The challengers will try to answer the following questions:

- What are the emerging challenges related to Internet resource infrastructure?
- What is the impact of 5G and Internet of Things services on security and trust?
- How does the Arab region benefit from international efforts to protect personal data?
- What future is held for extremist rhetoric on social media?
- How do countries face cyber wars and cyber-attacks?

- What is the effect of militarization of artificial intelligence and how to meet the challenge?
- Where is the Internet going, to open space or fragmentation?
- What is the impact of the escalation of allegations of digital sovereignty of countries in the trends of Internet governance?
- What effect does this have on cyber norms applications in cyberspace?
- How can we impose cyber peace in the digital age and what are its challenges?
- What is the role of national strategies for cybersecurity in facing challenges and what are the frameworks for cooperation with relevant international organizations such as the ITU?

Chairperson:	Mr. Hassan Abu Talib , Deputy Director, Al-Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies
Moderator:	Mr. Ahmed Youssef , News anchor for the Egyptian TV
Speakers:	Mr. Mohamed Hegazy , Government representative in the Communications Legislation Committee of the People's Assembly, Egypt Mr. James Shires , Assistant Professor, Institute of Security and Global Affairs, University of Leiden, Netherlands Ms. Lina Oueidat , Coordinator of National Strategies for Cybersecurity, Lebanon Mr. Illimar Lepik von Wirén , Founder of Eesti Noore Stipendium, Estonia Ms. Rouda AlAmir Ali , Program Manager, ITU Arab Regional Office
Web moderator:	Ms. Gilan osama Dahab , Arab Centre for Cyberspace Research
Rapporteur:	Mr. Adel Abdel-Sadek , Al-Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies

13:00 – 13:30 Break

13:30 – 14:30 Parallel Special Sessions (By partners from all stakeholders)

13:30 – 14:30 **1- Digital economy in the Arab World - Possibilities and Challenges** **Room M5**

The session would address the possibilities and challenges of the digital economy in the Arab region, and how can it contribute to improving the national incomes and the investment environment in Arab countries. It will also shed light on the digital divide and gender equality and women empowerment, how the digital economy benefits human development and capacity building, and the role of an innovation ecosystem.

Organizer:	Zawia University, Libya
Moderator:	Mr. Hago Dafalla , Zawia University, Libya (Academia)
Speakers:	Ms. Aish Jeridi , ACSIS, North Africa office, Tunisia (Civil Society) Mr. Hago Dafalla , Zawia University, Libya (Academia) Ms. Afaf Adiel , Youth IGF Member, Sudan (Civil Society) Mr. Mohamed Farhat , Member of North Africa IGF, Egypt (Business Sector) Ms. Nibal Idelbi , Chief of Innovation Section, ESCWA (International/Regional Organization)
Web moderator:	Mr. Mohamed Farhat , Member of North Africa IGF, Egypt (Business Sector)
Rapporteur:	Mr. Talib Fadlalla

13:30 – 14:30

2- Towards an effective response to emerging threats to cybersecurity**Room M6**

The session will discuss activities and applications that contribute to countering fake news, developments in the face of extremist and violent rhetoric across social networks, recent trends in the field of militarization of artificial intelligence applications, the legal and legislative dimension in the face of cyber threats, the trends of technology companies and operators, and the measures taken by countries in this field and how to balance the rights and duties in using the Internet, the extent of the effects of cybersecurity on trust and the digital economy, and ways to adopt a national strategy.

Organizer: Al-Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies (ACPSS), Arab Center for Cyberspace Research (ACCR)

Moderator: **Mr. Adel Abdel- Sadek**, Member in Security Studies Unit, ACPSS

Speakers: **Mr. Waleed Hagag**, Information Security and User Protection Expert - How do we correct the relationship?
Mr. Ahmed Youssef, Anchor, Egyptian TV News - How does the official media deal with rumors and psychological wars?
Mr. Mohamed Farhat, Member of the advisory board of the North African Internet Governance Forum, Law and legislation in the face of violations of cybersecurity
Ms. Gilan Osama Dahab, Researcher at ACCR - Militarization of Artificial Intelligence and Building a National Strategy.

Web moderator: **Mr. Mamon Salama**, www.ACCRonline.com

Rapporteur: **Mr. Mohamed Mostafa**, Expert at ACCR

14:30 – 15:30

Break

15:30 – 16:30**Closing session****Room M1****Key messages and summaries of main plenary sessions**

- **Mr. Charles Sha'ban**, Chairperson of the ArabIGF-V Programme Committee
- **Ms. Christine Arida**, Director of planning and telecom services, NTRA, Egypt
- **Rapporteurs** of main plenary sessions

Closing statements

- **ESCWA, LAS, ARADO, Arab IGF Secretariat NTRA, AMPAC**

Web moderator: **Ms. Zahr Bou-Ghanem**, Research Assistant, ESCWA

Rapporteur: **Mr. Ahmed Farag**, Expert, NTRA