



Amman time (GMT+3)	<b>DAY THREE: TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2025</b>
09:00 – 09:30 a.m.	<b>Registration and Welcome Coffee</b> <b>(All Participants)</b> Pre-Function Area (Al-Mokhtar and Al-Badya Pre-Entrance Lobby)
9:30 – 10:40 a.m.	<b>Arab High-Level Forum on WSIS and 2030 Agenda - Plenary Session 2</b> <b>Digital Economy Challenges and Opportunities: Global and Regional Perspectives</b> Grand Stage (Al-Mokhtar Main)  <u>Description:</u> The digital economy is rapidly becoming a key driver of global and regional development, with immense potential to foster innovation, enhance productivity, and promote inclusive growth. However, it also presents complex challenges, including infrastructure gaps, regulatory hurdles, digital skills development, and cross-border e-commerce. This session will explore both the opportunities and challenges of the digital economy while highlighting the role of key enablers in fostering a sustainable and inclusive digital future. A particular focus will be given to the transformative role of the postal sector, which, with its vast infrastructure and trusted networks, is uniquely positioned to bridge digital divides, support the delivery of essential government services, and drive the growth of domestic and cross-border e-commerce—one of the cornerstones of the digital economy. Bringing together experts from various sectors, the session will present innovative strategies, successful regional and global case studies, and policy frameworks that can help Arab countries maximize the benefits of digital transformation while addressing key barriers. The discussion will also align with the Arab Digital Agenda’s objectives of advancing digital economy initiatives, strengthening regional cooperation.  <u>Moderator:</u> - Mr. Ayman El-Sherbiny, Chief of ICT Policies and Digital Cooperation and Digital Development, UN-ESCWA <u>Speakers:</u> - Mr. Torbjörn Fredriksson, Head E-commerce and Digital Economy Branch, UNCTAD - Mr. Saoud Humaid AL Shoaili, DG- Policies & Governance, Head- National Space Program, Ministry of Transport & ICT, Oman - Mr. Ayman Ghoneim, Assistant Secretary-General, Arab Federation for the Digital Economy (AFDE) - Mr. Juan Cruz Moroni, Digital Transformation and Policy Expert, Universal Postal Union (UPU)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ms. Suhair Wraikat, International Relations Manager, representing Ms. Hanadi Altayyeb, CEO, Jordan Post</li><li>- Mr. Syed Mohammad Shaharyar Jawaid, Senior ICT Specialist, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) (remote)</li></ul> <p><u>Organizer/Rapporteur:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. Rami Zaatari, Senior Data and Technology Officer UN-ESCWA</li></ul>
10:45 – 11:55 a.m.	<p><b>Arab IGF Plenary Session 2</b> <b>One Internet and Digital Sovereignty: Regional Cooperation for a Strengthened Arab Digital Future</b> <i>Grand Stage (Al-Mokhtar Main)</i></p> <p><u>Description:</u> This panel will delve into the complexities and nuances of Internet governance and digital sovereignty in the Arab region. The panel discussion aims to explore motives and practices for Internet governance and the risk Internet fragmentation poses to the one interconnected and interoperable Internet that's a vital source for the social and economic development of humankind. The discussion will cover recent geopolitical tensions as well as commercial, technical, and policy trends that may lead to Internet fragmentation. Additionally, the panel will explore different views and potential strategies to balance Internet resilience and digital sovereignty to maintain a robust, equitable, and secure online space. The panel aims to bring a more holistic and inclusive debate to the table as well as providing a global and regional perspective from Global Digital Compact (GDC) to Arab Digital Agenda (ADA) on these issues and its implications for the Arab region and shed the light on the roles of the different stakeholders in this regard</p> <p><u>Moderators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ms. Christine Arida, Strategic Advisor to the Executive President and Board Member at the National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA), Egypt.</li><li>- Speakers:</li><li>- Mr. Amr Aljowaily, Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs and International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Egypt</li><li>- Mr. Fahed Batayneh, Stakeholder Engagement Director, Middle East, ICANN</li><li>- Ms. Hanane Boujemi, Chief Technology Strategist, Morocco</li></ul> <p><u>Rapporteurs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ms. Zeina Bou Harb, Head of International Cooperation, Ogero, Lebanon</li></ul>



<p>12:00 p.m. - 13:00</p>	<p><b>Special session 5</b> <b>3rd Round of Arab Consultation on WSIS and GDC</b> <b>Grand Stage (Al-Mokhtar Main)</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u> The 3rd Round of Arab Consultation on WSIS and GDC brings together key stakeholders from the Arab region and beyond to discuss the latest developments in digital cooperation processes, including the Global Digital Compact (GDC) and the WSIS+20 Review. Building on the success of the first consultative meeting (Dubai, 22 May 2024), and the second (Riyadh, 17 December 2024), this 3rd edition will leverage the ADA's alignment with WSIS and GDC to drive ambitious digital development in the Arab region. It will also advance multi-stakeholder collaboration for ADA implementation, fostering inclusive partnerships. Additionally, it will utilize the DCDF 2025 as a platform to come up with actionable policy recommendations and amplify the region's voice by aligning initiatives such the Arab IGF and AHLF with global platforms.</p> <p>This session will focus on the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Highlight synergies between the GDC objectives and the WSIS 11 action lines, emphasizing the importance of complementarity and coherence between these processes.</li><li>- Discuss actionable policies, multi-stakeholder collaboration, and regional partnerships to address emerging challenges in digital development.</li></ul>	<p><b>AHLF Workshop 2</b> <b>Developing and enhancing institutional and individual capacities to achieve the goals of the Digital Agenda 2023-2033</b> <b>Split Room 1 (Al-Mokhtar Side-Room)</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u> Institutional development and capacity building—whether at the governmental, societal, or organizational levels—cannot be separated from the broader goal of advancing ministries and institutions in Arab countries and ensuring an effective digital transformation. Digital transformation plays a pivotal role in supporting the implementation of the Arab Digital Agenda 2033, as reflected in the region's overarching ICT policies and strategies.</p> <p>This workshop will focus on the specificities of institutional development strategies and capacity-building efforts within the framework of digital transformation policies in Arab countries. Achieving this transformation requires smart digital governance and innovation, both in the public sector and across society, to foster sustainable smart living for citizens of all social groups in collaboration with local governance institutions.</p> <p>It is also essential to recognize that this transformation extends beyond governance, education, and health to encompass sustainable development objectives as outlined in the Arab Digital Agenda 2023-2033. Key sectors such as culture, tourism, industry, and the digital</p>
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<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> Pre-Function Area - 1 and Pre-Function Area - 2	
14:00 – 15:10	<b>Arab High-Level Forum on WSIS and 2030 Agenda - Plenary Session 3</b> <b>The Role of the Global and Regional Space Sector in Advancing the Arab Digital Agenda 2023-2033</b> Grand Stage (Al-Mokhtar Main)  <u>Description:</u> This plenary session will convene distinguished leaders, experts, policymakers, and stakeholders from the global and regional space and digital sectors. The discussion will center on the pivotal role of space technologies in advancing the objectives of the Arab Digital Agenda 2023-2033, while also aligning with international frameworks such as the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the "Space2030" Agenda. Participants will explore how satellite communications, Earth observation, and space data analytics can enhance digital connectivity, support sustainable development, and foster regional and international cooperation. The session will also highlight opportunities for capacity building, policy alignment, and public-private partnerships that can drive space-enabled digital transformation across the Arab region and beyond.  <u>Objectives:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Identify Synergies between Space Technologies and the Arab Digital Agenda:</li><li>- Examine how space-based services and technologies can contribute to the Arab Digital Agenda's goals, drawing on global best practices.</li><li>- Foster Regional and International Collaboration in Space-Driven Digital Transformation:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Encourage partnerships among Arab nations and with international entities to leverage space technologies for digital advancement.</li><li>- Promote the Use of Satellite Technologies for Digital Connectivity:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Discuss the deployment of satellite communications to bridge the digital divide, ensuring inclusive access to information and services.</li><li>- Leverage Space Data for Environmental Sustainability and Reducing the Carbon Footprint of Digital Transformation:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Explore the use of Earth observation data to monitor and mitigate e-waste, track carbon emissions from digital infrastructure, and support sustainable resource management in key sectors such as energy and water conservation.</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>- Support Capacity Building and Space Education Initiatives:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Highlight programs aimed at developing expertise in space science and technology within the region, aligning with initiatives like the United Nations Basic Space Technology Initiative.</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	



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15:10 – 16:20	<p><b>Arab IGF Plenary Session 3</b>  <b>Trust: Data Privacy and Data Governance</b>  <i>Grand Stage (Al-Mokhtar Main)</i></p> <p><u>Description:</u>  The importance of data is on the rise, an organization’s wealth and value is measured today by the data it collects and owns on its users, clients, and individuals. In fact, data today became an economy vertical by itself. This data is used for engagement, growth, and monetization purposes.</p> <p>While it is acceptable for organizations to benefit from the data they collect on individuals, it is far more important to protect and preserve the individual’s rights regarding the data collected about him or her. This is crucial since the collected data is not only related to the individual’s bio data but goes beyond that to include habits, behavior, and demographics. This is done today by almost all organizations interacted through cyberspace and the internet.</p> <p>Therefore, individuals should be equipped with digital competencies and awareness and should have an equal right to know what data is collected about them, how it is used, manipulated, and analyzed. They have the right to view it, review it, dispute it, and provide their consent to it. To address this challenge, data privacy and data governance became the focal areas to ensure fair use and the balance between the rights of organizations and the rights of individuals on how their data is used.</p> <p>In this regard, this session is dedicated to addressing and assessing the current</p>



	<p>situation and issues related to data privacy and governance. It will also shed the light on the Arab countries landscape related to data privacy and governance.</p> <p><u>Moderators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Qusai Al Shatti, Internet Governance Expert, Chairman of Automated Systems Company (ASC), Kuwait</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Charbel Chbeir, Lawyer, President of the ISOC Lebanon chapter, Lebanon</li> <li>- Mr. Mohamed Jemni, Director of ICT, Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) (remote)</li> <li>- Ms. Suzanne El Akabaoui, Advisor to the ICT Minister for Data Governance, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT), Egypt</li> <li>- Mr. Markus Kummer, Senior advisor to the Geneva Internet Platform (GIP), and DiploFoundation</li> <li>- Ms. Lori Schulman, Senior Director for Internet Policy, International Trademark Association (INTA), USA (remote)</li> </ul> <p><u>Rapporteurs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Hafedh Yahmadi, International ICT Expert, Tunisia</li> </ul>	
<p>16:20 - 17:20</p>	<p><b>Arab IGF Workshop 4</b>  <b>Shaping Lebanon's digital future through Internet Governance</b>  <b>Complete information</b>  <i>Grand Stage (Al-Mokhtar Main)</i></p> <p><u>Description:</u>  This workshop will provide comprehensive guidelines on how Lebanon successfully created its national IGF initiative following IGF principles for initiating NRIs and share knowledge and best practices on engaging Multi stakeholders and overcoming challenges to shape the Digital future.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Zeina Bou Harb, Head of International Cooperation, Ogero, Lebanon</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Anja Gengo, programme</li> </ul>	<p><b>AHLF Workshop 3</b>  <b>Digital Transformation for Sustainability: Tackling Environmental Challenges in the Arab Region</b>  <i>Split Room 2 (Al-Badya Main)</i></p> <p><u>Description:</u>  This multi-agency workshop will address critical environmental challenges in the Arab region, with a particular focus on the water-energy-food (WEF) nexus, climate change, and the escalating issue of e-waste. Organized in collaboration with UNOOSA, FAO, CEDARE, UNEP, and other key partners, the session will explore how digital and emerging technologies, including space technologies—can provide sustainable solutions to these interconnected challenges.</p> <p>The workshop will examine both the positive and negative impacts of ICT on</p>



	<p>management officer and focal point for the national, regional and youth Internet Governance Forum (IGF) initiatives, United Nations Secretariat for the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), Geneva</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. Charbel Chbeir, Lawyer, President of the ISOC Lebanon chapter, Lebanon</li></ul>	<p>environmental sustainability, showcasing international and national case studies that demonstrate how digital transformation can drive more efficient resource management, support climate resilience, and contribute to a circular economy. Given the rapid expansion of digital devices, the session will also emphasize the need for responsible e-waste management and policy frameworks that promote sustainability.</p> <p>By bringing together experts, policymakers, and stakeholders, this workshop aims to foster knowledge exchange and actionable insights to help the Arab region leverage digital transformation for a greener, more sustainable future.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. Hossam Allam, Regional Director for Sustainable Growth, Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE)</li></ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. Driss El Hadani, Deputy Director, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)</li><li>- Ms. Heba Al-Hariry, Land and Water Officer, FAO Regional Office for Near East and North Africa</li><li>- Ruediger Kuehr, Senior Manager, SCYCLE Programme UNITAR &amp; Adjunct Professor, University of Limerick (Remote)</li><li>- Ms. Cristina Bueti, Focal Point on Smart Sustainable Cities, International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (Remote)</li><li>- Ms. Ghada Moghny, Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE) (Remote)</li><li>- Mr. Islam Abou El-Magd, President, National Authority for Remote Sensing and</li></ul>
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