

Amman time (GMT+3)	DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2025	
09:00 – 09:30 a.m.	Registration and Welcome Coffee (All Participants) Pre-Function Area (Al-Mokhtar and Al-Badya Pre-Entrance Lobby)	
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Arab IGF Workshop 5 Charting the Arab Digital Path: AI, Data, and Sovereignty in a Connected World Grand Stage (Al-Mokhtar Main) <u>Description:</u> The workshop explores the challenges and opportunities facing the Arab world in the digital age. The workshop will discuss the ethics and legislation related to artificial intelligence, the importance of data protection and management, and how regional cooperation can enhance Arab digital sovereignty in an interconnected world. <u>Organizer and presenter:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Belal Khaled Al-Hafnawi, Commissioner and Full-Time Board Member, Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC), Jordan 	Arab IGF Workshop 6 Expanding the Internet's Top-Level Domain Name Space Split Room 2 (Al-Badya Main) <u>Description:</u> The New Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD) Program: Next Round is an ICANN initiative to enable the expansion of the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) through the introduction of new top-level domains. This workshop will present this expansion and how to benefit from it. <u>Organizer and Presenter:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Fahd Batayneh, Stakeholder Engagement Director - Middle East, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

<p>10:30 – 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Arab IGF Workshop 7 The future vision of AI in the Arab region in light of Current Global Changes - Challenges and Opportunities Split Room 2 (Al-Badya Main)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> This workshop will focus on analyzing global trends in artificial intelligence and exploring how the Arab region can leverage these advancements amidst evolving global dynamics. It will highlight emerging opportunities in key sectors such as education, health, energy, and transportation, while addressing the challenges hindering AI adoption, including gaps in technical infrastructure and workforce readiness. Strengthening Arab cooperation through strategic partnerships, knowledge exchange, and joint policy development will be emphasized to accelerate regional AI progress. Additionally, the workshop will focus towards formulating a forward-looking vision for AI in the Arab world, proposing practical solutions to overcome challenges and capitalize on opportunities. Encouraging innovation, fostering entrepreneurship, and supporting the growth of AI-driven start-ups and technology incubators will also be key priorities. To ensure long-term progress, sustainable strategies for AI infrastructure development and investment in scientific research will be outlined, reinforcing the region’s global competitiveness. Finally, recommendations will be provided to policymakers on establishing regulatory frameworks that facilitate the safe, effective, and sustainable integration of AI across various sectors.</p> <p><u>Moderators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Mostafa Rashid, Assistant to President, Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport 	<p>AHLF Workshop 3 Building the Digital Backbone: Infrastructure and Regulatory Frameworks for a Thriving Arab Digital Economy Grand Stage (Al-Mokhtar Main)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> The workshop will have the following key objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess the Current State: Evaluate existing infrastructure and regulatory frameworks in the Arab region, identifying strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement. 2. Explore Best Practices: Showcase successful models and case studies from around the world on developing and managing digital infrastructure and implementing effective regulatory policies. 3. Identify Key Challenges: Address common obstacles and challenges faced by Arab countries in building and maintaining a modern digital infrastructure and establishing a conducive regulatory environment. 4. Foster Collaboration: Encourage dialogue and knowledge-sharing among policymakers, regulators, industry leaders, and other stakeholders to foster collaboration and partnerships. 5. Develop Recommendations: Formulate actionable recommendations and strategies to enhance infrastructure development and regulatory frameworks for a thriving digital economy in the Arab world. <p><u>Organizer and Presenter:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Belal Khaled Al-Hafnawi, Commissioner and Full-Time Board Member, Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC), Jordan
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	<p>(AASTMT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ayman El-Sherbiny, Chief of ICT Policies and Digital Cooperation and Digital Development, UN-ESCWA <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Aly Fahmy, Dean, College of Artificial Intelligence, Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT) - Mr. Mohamed Ben Omar, Director General of the Arab Information and Communication Technologies Organization (AICTO) - Mr. Khaled Wali, Director of the Department of Communications and Information Technology Development, League of Arab States (LAS) - Mr. Firas Bakour, Chairman of the Arab Internet and Communications Union 	
11:30 – 12:00 p.m.	<p>Networking & Coffee (All Participants)</p> <p>Pre-Function Area - 1 and Pre-Function Area - 2</p>	
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Stocktaking 1 Stocktaking of Arab IGF</p> <p>Grand Stage (Al-Mokhtar Main)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Mirna El Hajj Barbar, Programme Management Officer, UN-ESCWA - Mr. Qusai Al Shatti, Internet Governance Expert, Chairman of Automated Systems Company (ASC), Kuwait - Mr. Hosein Badran, Principal Advisor, Badran Digital Consulting, Canada - Mr. Ahmed Farag, National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA), Egypt - Ms. Rita Wehbe, Economic Affairs Assistant, UN-ESCWA - Noha Ashraf Abdelbaky, Cloud Engineer, Dell Technologies 	
12:30 p.m. – 13:00	<p>Stocktaking 2 Stocktaking of AHLF</p> <p>Grand Stage (Al-Mokhtar Main)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ayman El-Sherbiny, Chief of ICT Policies, Digital Cooperation, and Digital Development, UN-ESCWA - Mr. Rami Zaatari, Senior Data and Technology Officer UN-ESCWA - Mr. Karim Abdelghani, Programme Coordinator, ITU Arab Regional Office 	

13:00 – 13:30	<p>Closing Session The Way Forward and Closing Statements Grand Stage (Al-Mokhtar Main)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ayman El-Sherbiny, Chief of ICT Policies, Digital Cooperation, and Digital Development, UN-ESCWA - Mr. Ahmed Farag, National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA), Egypt - Mr. Karim Abdelghani, Programme Coordinator, ITU Arab Regional Office - Jaafr Al-Manaseer, Vice President of Afro-Asian Union for Digital Economy, investment and Entrepreneurship, Jordan - Hazem Hezzah, IT Program coordinator for ICT Development, League of Arab States (LAS)
13:30 – 14:30	<p>LUNCH Pre-Function Area - 1 and Pre-Function Area - 2</p>
14:30 – 17:30	<p>the 5th Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting on Technology for Development (Day 1/2) Conference Hall (Al-Riwaq)</p>