Moderator

Mr. Hanna Kreitem | Technical Expert Middle East, Internet Society

Hanna Kreitem joined the Internet Society in 2020 to work with the Internet community in the Middle East and North Africa following a long journey of active promotion of the Internet and Digital Rights in regional and international levels. He is also an experienced trainer designing and delivering training for over 15 years in regions from Asia to North America, with special focus on the Middle East.

Hanna is driven by a belief in the need of a usable, meaningful, and open Internet as a tool for social change towards a universe of people with equal opportunities to all. This belief led him to years of working and participating in multiple Internet forums and to take part in projects to enhance Internet access, including establishing Palestine Internet Exchange Point.

Hanna holds a PhD in Media and Communication from Northumbria University, Newcastle, and a Master’s degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Birzeit University, Palestine.

Keynote Speaker

Ms. Martha Suarez | President at Dynamic Spectrum Alliance (DSA)

Dr Martha Suarez is President of the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance and has over 15 years of experience in the telecommunications industry. In her current role at the DSA she advocates for laws and regulations that will lead to more efficient and effective spectrum utilization, which is essential to addressing key worldwide social and economic challenges. She spent over three years as General Director of the National Spectrum Agency in Colombia, having originally joined the ANE in 2013. Before that, she was awarded with a Marie Curie Fellowship and worked at the Instytut Technologi Elektronowej ITE in Poland for the Partnership for Cognitive Radio Par4CR European Project. Suarez is an electronics engineer, with a master degree in high frequency communication systems and is Doctor in electronics from the University Paris-Est.

Speakers

Mr. Guillaume LEBRUN | Global Connectivity Policy, Facebook

Dr Guillaume LEBRUN has been an active member of the spectrum community for more than 15 years, working for Orange, Qualcomm, Airbus and now Facebook. Guillaume contributed to key international spectrum projects such the opening of the 6 GHz band to Wi-Fi 6E and the regulatory framework for 5G.

Guillaume is a member of the Global Connectivity Policy team at Facebook where he is working on several spectrum initiatives to improve connectivity. Raising spectrum efficiency and availability is at the core of Guillaume’s mission.

Guillaume holds an Engineering degree from ENST, Paris, France and a PhD in telecommunications from Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia.

Mr. Carlo Maria Rossootto – Principal Investment Officer, Global Head, Upstream Telecom Media and Technology (TMT), Infrastructure at IFC

Carlo Maria Rossootto joined IFC as Principal Investment Officer, Global Lead Upstream TMT in December 2019, after a long career at the World Bank and in the private sector. At the World Bank, he served as Global Lead for Digital Infrastructure and led the Digital Economy Window of the Digital Development Partnership, bringing together governments and leading technology firms to foster digital development. He also was responsible for lending and technical assistance operations which removed entry barriers and enabled private investment in multiple regions. These included high profile privatizations, issuing of competitive licenses, and fostering regulatory reform and competition. Before joining the World Bank, Carlo worked on project finance at the Inter-American Development Bank and in management consulting. He holds post-graduate degrees in Economics and Business Administration from Bocconi University in Milan and in Financial and Commercial Regulation from The London School of Economics. Carlo is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). He speaks Italian, English, French and some Spanish and Arabic.