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Open Invitation

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), and the League of Arab States are pleased to invite you to the inaugural edition of the **Arab International Digital Cooperation and Development Forum 2021 (DCDF-2021)** under the slogan of “shaping our digital future”, scheduled to take place in a virtual format from 13 to 23 December 2021. The event is organized in partnership with a number of major players in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and Internet Governance Forum (IGF) processes, including the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Gathering more than 350 multistakeholder participants, this foundational edition of DCDF 2021 adopts a progressive consolidation approach that strengthens collaboration among major players in the WSIS and IGF processes to collectively think on how to shape the digital future cooperation in light of the latest UN SG Report on “Our Common Agenda” 2021 and his “Roadmap on Digital Cooperation” 2020 and other UNGA resolutions related to the WSIS process. The event offers an inclusive streamlined multipartite regional collaboration platform for all stakeholders, bringing together high-level government representatives engaged in digital cooperation and development, civil society networks and organizations, a wide range of regional and international institutions, the private sector, regional experts, and academic and research centres to discuss the Arab Digital Agenda for the next decade and beyond, and to convey priority issues of concerns to the global community as well as to the Arab region in the fields of digital development and digital cooperation to relevant global fora.

The consolidated DCDF 2021 is designed with more than 30 sessions encompassing several tracks, high-level segments, diverse thematic sessions, and side-events. We look forward to welcoming you to the Arab Digital Cooperation and Development Forum 2021.



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To: All Information Society Stakeholders:
Governments, Technical Community, Private Sector, Academia, International Organizations, Civil Society

