

## Legal, Policy and Regulatory Frameworks

### To drive technological advancement, network security, data protection and privacy (Arab IGF AMPAC - STF)

#### Background

Building on the momentum created by the United Nations to enhance the Internet governance and digital cooperation process and inspired by the UN Secretary General Global Roadmap for Digital Cooperation's three principles: Connect, Respect and Protect in the Digital Age, the Global Internet Governance Forum (IGF) strives to strengthen its role and ensure tangible desired impact through engaging all stakeholders including the government sector's legislative and executive arms. The aim is to safeguard basic human values away from censorship and control, hate speech and repression, and to preserve human rights and dignity, while ensuring an enabling, safe and inclusive digital ecosystem to increase citizens' confidence for coping with the new normal, and ensure access to services for all, leaving no one behind. In parallel, regional consultations are being conducted within the framework of the Arab IGF to explore the Arab region digital future and identify the best way to address issues of concerns to the region, strengthen digital cooperation in the next decade and enhance the Arab IGF role and effectiveness. Towards this end, a pioneering initiative at the global level is being thought of as an innovative mechanism to unite efforts through consolidating the existing tracks of the Arab IGF, the Arab High-Level Forum for the World Summit on the Information Society and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (AHLF), with other relevant regional tracks, and create a unique and impactful platform "The Digital Cooperation and Digital Development in the Arab Region Forum and Conference".

#### Description

- The session will attempt to shed light on some of the issues pertaining to the legal environment and regulatory policies and procedures to drive technological advancement, network security, data protection, and privacy, trying to answer the following questions:
- To what extent are Arab governments able and prepared to set appropriate policies and regulatory frameworks to keep pace with new digital trends?
- How can Arab telecom regulators balance putting in place policies to protect networks and citizens while keeping people connected and allowing digital innovation to flourish?
- What are the obstacles that prevent working with a joint collaborative approach to create a flexible regulatory and legislative environment that is in line with the new priorities of governments and the private sector and supports innovation?
- How can enabling policy and regulatory environment be created to connect the unconnected to support the achievement of sustainable development goals and progress towards digital economy?
- What are the prospects for international cooperation to develop joint policies to keep pace with technical developments and protect users at the same time?

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