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Setting the Scene - Evolving global Internet governance Process and Global Roadmap on Digital Cooperation - Regional Implications

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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

This session will pave the way for discussing the Arab region hot issues and priorities in the area of Internet governance, aiming to crystallize, by the end of this forum, the features of the proposed mechanism for framing Internet governance tracks, enhancing digital cooperation and promoting sustainable development in the Arab region for the next nine years.

The session will shed light on the following:

- Updates on evolving internet governance architecture, global and regional tracks, and the digital cooperation roadmap.
- IGF prospects given the actual limitations to achieve tangible results and implement the policies and recommendations emanating from its deliberations, despite quality discussions, huge mobilization efforts and numerous initiatives and high-level thematic working groups, noting also similar constraints facing the Arab IGF.
- All multi-stakeholders' engagement, including the governmental sector's legislative and executive arms, for good governance of Internet cross-cutting issues, inclusion and equity for the most vulnerable groups and promotion of sustainable economic and social development.
- Role of the Arab region in shaping the global Internet governance, to cater for the region priorities and the aspirations and rights of the Arab citizens. Also, to convey a unified Arab voice to regional and global IGF through a unique platform representative of all national IGF and IG initiatives in the Arab region.
- Strengthening the implementation of the Arab IGF recommendations at the national level to achieve the aspirations for a prosper and dignified life in the Arab region.

Co-Moderators:

Speakers:

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Mr. Qusai AlShatti
Former Chair of the Inaugural Arab IGF 2012 and strategic partner to Arab IGF 2020, AMPAC

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