



**Regional Follow-up to the Outcome of the World Summit on the Information Society  
Damascus, 16-18 June 2009**



**Preliminary Agenda**

**Day 1 - 16/06/2009**

Time Slot	Track 1 - Strategies	Track 2 - Applications	Track 3 - Development
	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>		
9:30-10:00	Imad Sabouni (Minister of Communications and Technology - SAR); Bader Omar Al Dafa (Executive Secretary - UN-ESCWA); Talal Abou Ghazaleh (Chairman - UN-GAID; Chairman & CEO - TAGI); Sami Al-Basheer Al-Mourshid (Director - ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau); Tarek Shawki (Director - UNESCO Cairo Office)		
	<b>Keynote Speakers 1</b> (Chair: Bader Omar Al-Dafa, Executive Secretary - UN-ESCWA)		
10:00-11:00	Abdulrahman Sabri (ICTD Director - LAS); Nazem Bahsas (Director General - STE Syria); IDRC; Abdel Rasoul Al Hayani (Advisor - ARADO)		
	Coffee Break (Cisco)		
	<b>Keynote Speakers 2</b> (Chair: Imad Sabouni, Minister of Communications and Technology - Syria)		
11:30-13:00	Sherif Seddik (Regional Director, Microsoft North Africa, East Mediterranean & Pakistan); Hani Raad (Regional Sales Manager - Cisco Lebanon); Rakan Razouk (President - SCS Syria); Khaled Khawaja (Chief Expert - AITRS); Yousef Nusseir (Chief, ICTD - UN-ESCWA)		
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break (Microsoft)		
	<b>Regional ICT Strategies</b> (Chair: Bachir Mounajed)	<b>Security &amp; Trust</b> (Chair: Marco Obiso)	<b>ICT for Development</b> (Chair: Ibrahim Badran)
14:30-16:00	Khaled Foda (LAS): Arab ICT Strategy - Building the Information Society until 2012	Hoda Baraka & Nevine Tewfik (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology - Egypt): Towards an E-Safety Agenda in the Arab World	Najat Rochdi (UNDP - Geneva Office): ICT to Address Local Development
	Mohamed Abdel Wahab (Arab Business Forum for ICT - Egypt): Arab ICT Strategies for ICT Services	Belhassen Zouari (National Agency for Computer Security - Tunisia): Tunisian Experience in Establishing the First CSIRT in Africa	Nadia Hegazi (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology - Egypt): Job Creation in the Information Society
	Mansour Farah & Racha Mourtada (UN-ESCWA): Status of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA)	Nibal Idlebi (UN-ESCWA): Building Trust in ICT Services	Jamil Zagharneh (Ministry of Telecom - Palestine): Palestinian Information Society Development 2003-2009
	Mohamed Timoulali (UN-ECA): Implementing the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Action Lines in Africa: Analysis of Country Reports	Saleem Zoughbi (UN-ESCWA): Implementation of Sound Security Practices - Regional Analysis	Krikor Ajemian (Amman Chamber of Commerce - Jordan): The Role of Chambers of Commerce in Bridging the Digital Divide
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break (Cisco)		
	<b>ICT Sector</b> (Chair: Gabriel Deek)	<b>ICT in Education</b> (Chair: Nashat Mansour)	<b>Digital Arabic Content</b> (Chair: Nadia Hegazi)
16:30-18:00	Jawad Jalal Abbassi (Arab Advisors Group - Jordan): Overview of the Arab Telecom and Internet Broadband Markets	Fairouz Sarkis (Arab Open University - Lebanon): Integration of Applications in Education at the Regional Level	Nabil Ali Abdul Aziz (Pico Advanced Multilingual Systems - Egypt): DAC Industry - A Future Perspective
	Salam Yamout (Partnership for Lebanon - Lebanon): PPP Model - Partnership for Lebanon	Najib Abdel Wahed (Ministry of Higher Education - Syria): ICT in Higher Education in Syria	Mirna Barbar (UN-ESCWA): Promoting the DAC Industry through Incubation
	Nicholas Rouhana (Berytech - Lebanon): Promoting the ICT Sector through Incubation: The Case of Berytech	Mohammed Helal (Microsoft North Africa, East Mediterranean and Pakistan): Microsoft ICT Education Programs	Mohamed El-Sharkawi (Center for Documentation of Cultural and Natural Heritage - Egypt): Documentation of the Arab World Memory - Status and Future
	Maroulla Haddad (TRA - Lebanon): Liberalization of Telecoms - A Catalyst for Regional Development	Pierre Gedeon (Antoine University - Lebanon): Learner-Centered Learning: Personal Lifelong E-Learning	Oumayma Al-Dakkak (HIAST - Syria): Tools for Arabic Language Processing
		Youssef Monsef (Lebanese University - Lebanon): WSIS Recommendations and Readiness of Universities in the ESCWA Region	Ammar Kheir Beik (SCS - Syria): Summary of the Recommendations of the Damascus DAC Conference
	Adel Rizk (GamaLearn - UAE): Implementing E-Learning in Arab Universities: Challenges & Expectations		





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	<b>ICT Infrastructure</b> (Chair: Sami Al-Basheer Al-Mourshid)	<b>Capacity Building</b> (Chair: Ghassan Assi)	<b>Community Telecentres</b> (Chair: Hoda Baraka)
09:00-11:00	Jaroslav Ponder (ITU): Roadmap for ICT Infrastructure Development	Tarek Shawki (UNESCO - Cairo Office): Update on WSIS Activities in Arab States in Capacity Building	Nasser Khalaf (National IT Center - Jordan): Community Centres for Sustainable Development
	Mohamed Mohsen (Cisco - Lebanon): Next Generation Networks and the "Need to Connect"	Hyeun-Suk Rhee (UN-ESCAP): An Inclusive and Participatory Approach in Building ICT Human Capacity Building for Development	Paulette Assaf (Cisco - Lebanon): Connected Communities Business Initiative Model in Lebanon
	Robert Madi (Mindshare - Lebanon): Convergence of ICT and Media	Marwan Tarazi (Birzeit University - Palestine): Regional Network for Learning Innovation in the Arab World	Noureddin Cheikh Obeid (UNDP - Syria Office): Syrian Community Telecenters and their Contribution to Development
	Marwan Hanna (STE - Syria): Telecom Infrastructure in Syria	Walid Karam (Balamand University - Lebanon): Ma3bar - The Arab Support Centre for Free and Open Source Software	Georges Younes (UN - ESCWA): Knowledge Networks in Disadvantaged Areas
	Mahmoud Sharief AISHaikhli (Ministry of Science and Technology - Iraq): Government-Wide ICT infrastructure	Rafiq Daas (Jordan Computer Society): Graduates Internship Programme	Ahmed Eisa (Gedaref Digital City Organization - Sudan): Impact of Telecentres on Community Development
11:00-11:30		Hanna Kreitem (Birzeit University - Palestine): Universities as Enabling Environment for ICT Capacity Building	Karim Kasim (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology - Egypt): Telecentre.org - A Platform for Collaboration and Cooperation
		Coffee Break (Cisco)	
	<b>Internet Governance/ADNS</b> (Chair: Ahmed El-Sherbini)	<b>ICT Applications</b> (Chair: Sarbuland Khan)	<b>Empowering Youth</b> (Chair: Tarek Shawki)
11:30-13:00	Marco Obiso (ITU): International Public Policy Issues Related to the Internet and the Role of the Government	Abdelaziz Abid (UNESCO - HQ): The World Digital Library from an Arab Perspective	Ziad Haddara (UNDP-ICTDAR): Engaging Youth in Local Development through Responsible Citizenship
	Baher Esmat (ICANN): The Latest Developments in Issues Related to Internet Governance	Fadi Abdulhamid (Tala Abu Ghazaleh International): eReadiness Framework for E-Government and E-Commerce Implementations - Theoretical Framework	Safa Rawia (Youth Leadership - Yemen): Youth in Technology for Community Development
	Ibaa Oueichek (STE - Syria): Arabic Domain Names: Regional Issues and Activities	Tomasz Janowski (UN University): Electronic Government Development Framework - Assessment, Research, Strategy and Implementation	Dana Derani (Syria Trust for Development - Syria): Empowering Youth through ICT
	Charles Sha'ban (TAGI): Update on the IGF-MAG Work	Ahmed Kamal (Ministry of State for Administrative Development - Egypt): From e-Government to e-Governance	Elie Mikhael (Ministry of Social Affairs - Lebanon): Protection of Children from Internet Exploitation
George Salama (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology - Egypt): Preparations for IGF Sharm El-Sheikh 2008	Shimah Ayed AlEnezi (Ministry of Electricity and Water - Kuwait): Integrated Systems of Civil Service and the Arab e-Citizen	Joyce Kawkabani (Himaya - Lebanon): Empowering the Lebanese Society to Adopt Safe Behaviors over the Internet	
13:00-14:30		Lunch Break (Syrian Computer Society)	
	<b>Panel: Investment and ICT Financing</b>	<b>Panel: Building Research Capacity in ICT4D in MENA Region</b>	<b>Panel: GAID Regional Arab Network</b>
14:30-16:00	Samir Aita (A Concept Mathoum); Nabil Sukkar (SCBDI - Syria); Muaffaq Abu Aqola (TRA - Jordan); Nicholas Rouhana (Berytech - Lebanon)	Anas Tawileh (IDRC); Marwan Tarazi (IDRC); Raed Sharifi (Syracuse University - USA); Sabri Saidam (Birzeit University - Palestine); Driss Kettani (Al-Akhawyn University - Morocco)	Talal Abou Ghazaleh (UN-GAID); Sarbuland Khan (UN-GAID); Gabriel Deek (PCA - Lebanon); Yousef Nusseir (UN-ESCWA)
16:00-16:30		Coffee Break (Cisco)	
	<b>Panel: New Regional Projects for the RPoA - Subjects Related to Track 1</b>	<b>Panel: New Regional Projects for the RPoA - Subjects Related to Track 2</b>	<b>Panel: New Regional Projects for the RPoA - Subjects Related to Track 3</b>
16:30-17:30	Ibaa Oueichek (STE - Syria): Establishment of a Domain Name Registry for the ".arab" and "عربي" gTLDs	Nevine Tewfik (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology - Egypt): Implementing an E-safety Agenda in the Region	Nabil Eid (Studies Centre for Handicapped Research - Syria) and Moussa Charafeddine (Friends of the Disabled - Lebanon): ICT for Development - People with Disabilities
	Mansour Farah (UN-ESCWA): Promotion of the Arabic Domain Name System (ADNS) - Phase II	Raed Zahrawi (Ministry of Information and Communication Technology): A Classification Framework for Economic Industries and Activities	Nada Hamzeh (Women in Technology - Lebanon): Women in Technology
	Rami Zaatar (UN-ESCWA): Unification of Information Society Measurements	Adel Rizk (GamaLearn - UAE): E-learning	Nibal Idlebi (UN-ESCWA): Promotion of the Digital Arabic Content (DAC) Industry through Incubation - Phase II
	Hania Sabbidin Dimassi (UN-ESCWA): Electronics Disassembly, Refurbishment and Recycling Centres	Mirna Barbar (UN-ESCWA): Harmonization of Cyber Legislation	Georges Younes (UN-ESCWA): Knowledge Networks through ICT Access Points for Disadvantaged Communities
	Mansour Farah (UN-ESCWA): ESCWA Excellence Award for the Best Achievement in Building the Information Society	Mirna Barbar (UN-ESCWA): Strengthening the ICT Capacity of Government Leaders in the ESCWA Region	





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**Day 3 - 18/06/2010**

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	<b>National ICT Strategies</b> (Chair: Amr Armanazi)	<b>Legal Framework</b> (Chair: Fawzi Khamis)	<b>Women in the IS</b> (Chair: Salma Abbasi)
09:00-11:00	<p>Ahmed El-Sherbini (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology - Egypt): Egypt's Information Society Strategies in Light of WSIS Outcomes</p> <p>Tania Zaroubi (Office of the Minister of State for Administrative Reform - Lebanon): Lebanon's ICT strategy</p> <p>Wael Obeid (Ministry of Communications and Technology - Syria): Follow-up on the Implementation of Syria's ICT Strategy and Policy</p> <p>Yahya al-Rewi (Aden University - Yemen): Yemen and WSIS Outcomes</p> <p>Akram Mohamed Ahmed (Ministry of Science and Technology - Sudan): Sudan's Efforts in Implementing WSIS Outcomes</p>	<p>Younis Arab (Arab L@w Group - Jordan): Evaluation of ICT legislations in the Arab world</p> <p>Tony Issa (La Sagesse University - Lebanon): Towards a Unified Arab Legal Framework for the Information Society</p> <p>Yousef Nusseir (UN-ESCWA): Cyber Legislation in the ESCWA Region</p> <p>Sami Al-Sharaf (Dept of Legal Advice, Council of Ministers - Kuwait): Surmounting Legal Obstacles in the Information Society</p> <p>Mona Jabbour (Lebanese University - Lebanon): Legal Informatics Center and Access to Legal Information</p>	<p>Fatima Abdel Mahmoud (University of Science and Technology - Sudan): Using ICT to Empower Women</p> <p>Madeleine ElHelou (Women in IT - Lebanon): Using ICT to Empower Women and Youth</p> <p>Nada Hamzeh (Women in Technology - Lebanon): Women Empowerment through IT in Lebanon</p> <p>Reem Obeidat (UNESCO): Critical Connections of Professional Women in ICT</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break (Cisco)		
	<b>Measurements/Indicators</b> (Chair: Bassel Khechit)	<b>Intellectual Property Rights</b> (Chair: Talal Abu Ghazaleh)	<b>Networking for Development</b> (Chair: Najat Rochdi)
11:30-13:00	<p>Rami Zaatari (UN-ESCWA): ICT Measurement - A Regional Perspective</p> <p>Abdul Kader Kamli (Madar Research - UAE): Statistical Irregularities and Other Issues Facing ICT Research in the ESCWA Region</p> <p>Salma Abbasi (The e-Worldwide Group - UAE): Holistic Framework to Measure the Impact of ICTs</p> <p>Eman Yassin (CAPMAS - Egypt): Measuring the Impact of the Use of Communication Technology Towards Building the IS</p> <p>Sukaina Al-Nasrawi (UN-ESCWA): ISPER / ESIS for Measurement and Knowledge Sharing</p>	<p>Mohamed Khalid Darwicheh (Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property): The Concept of Intellectual Property</p> <p>Farid Jabbour (Lebanese University - Lebanon): Intellectual Property Protection on the Internet in the Arab World</p> <p>Aly Harakeh (Microsoft Intellectual Property Manager - East Med): Intellectual Property Creates Opportunities for All</p> <p>Jean Akl (Akl Law Practice - Lebanon): Protection of Intellectual Property in ICT According to Arabic legislation</p>	<p>Driss Kettani (Al-Akawayn University - Morocco): The e-Fez Project in Morocco</p> <p>Fadi Sabbagha (Born Interactive - Lebanon): Web Platforms and Technologies as Enablers for Information Society and Content Creation</p> <p>Nour Mounajed (ICT4Dev - Syria): ReefNet Heritage, Wiki and Collaborative Content</p> <p>Jessica Dheere (Social Media Exchange - Lebanon): A Broad-base Approach to Strategic Use of the Internet for Social Change</p> <p>Bassam Chit (Lebanon Support - Lebanon): Lebanon's Civil Society Portal</p>
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break (ESCWA)		
	<b>Plenary</b>		
14:30-16:00	<p>GAID Arab Network: Yousef Nusseir (UN-ESCWA)</p> <p>RPOA Update: Mansour Farah (UN-ESCWA)</p>		
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break (Cisco)		
	<b>Closing</b>		
16:30-17:00			

