



# Online Annual LatAm/Caribbean Telecommunications & Media Forum

**Date:** 29th June 2021 - 1st July 2021

**Location:** Online

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## Agenda: Tuesday 23 March 2021

### 0900 CET / 1000 EET / 1100 AST / 1200 GST: Session 1: Telecom futures – convergence in practice

Regulators and industry share their experiences, achievements and priorities, and discuss how their roles and policies are evolving in the face of digital transformation.

Discussion themes will include

- Evolution of communications infrastructure to maximise resilience, flexibility and inclusion
- Spectrum availability/licensing; infrastructure sharing; mobile vs fibre; 4G vs 5G; role of satellites
- International connectivity – priorities and bottlenecks
- Transitioning to digital services – IoT, data sovereignty, cloud policy frameworks
- Consumer protection, privacy, cybersecurity and trust – what role for comms regulators?

#### Regulators Panel

Moderator

**Francesco Liberatore**, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs (UK) LLP; Former Chair, IIC Brussels Chapter

Panellists include

**Pascal Dutru**, Legal Unit Manager, Communications regulatory Authority (CRA), Qatar

**Karima Mahmoudi**, Central Director of the Electronic Communications Market Observatory, Instance Nationale des Telecommunications (INT), Tunisia

**Mohammed Alabdulqader**, General Manager, Radio Spectrum Monitoring, Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC), Saudi Arabia

**Dr Fadel Digham**, Head of National Projects Sector, National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA) Egypt

**Dr Jean Pierre Scerri**, Acting Director of Legal Affairs, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), Bahrain

### 1030 CET / 1130 EET / 1230 AST / 1330 GST: Session 2: Telecom futures – convergence in

## practice

### Industry Responses

Moderator:

**James Bellis**, Director, Telecommunications Practice, Frontier Economics

Panellists

**Kamal Shehadi**, Chief Legal and Regulatory Officer, Etisalat Group

**Zeina Mokaddem**, Vice President, Regulatory and Market Access, Inmarsat

**Iman El Banna Kaiss**, Senior Legal Counsel, Middle East, Africa and Turkey, Avaya

**Dr Bharat Kumar Khimji Vagadia**, Senior Director – Regulatory Affairs, Ooredoo Group

**Dr Brahim Ghribi**, Head of Government & Policy Affairs Middle East & Africa, Nokia

**Ali Cheema**, Head of Government & Industry Relations, Middle East & Africa, Ericsson

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## Agenda: Wednesday 24 March 2021

### 0900 CET / 1000 EET / 1100 AST / 1200 GST: Session 3: Content/audiovisual futures – convergence in practice

Regulators and industry share their experiences, achievements and priorities, and discuss how their roles and policies are evolving in the face of digital transformation.

Discussion themes will include

- Digital television transition, next generation infrastructure
- Transitioning to digital, on-demand services – levelling the playing field, OTT platform regulation, tackling disinformation
- Supporting the creative economy, preserving cultural diversity and safeguarding media pluralism
- Closing the digital divide – digital literacy & inclusion

Moderator

**Andrea Millwood Hargrave**, Principal, Millwood Hargrave Ltd

Panellists include

**Latifa Akharbach**, President, Haute Autorité de la Communication Audiovisuelle (HACA), Morocco

**Nouri Lajmi**, President, High Independent Communication Authority (HAICA), Tunisia

**Taha Yücel**, Member, Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTUK), Turkey

**Elena Scaramuzzi**, Global Head of Research, Cullen International

**Aynon Doyle**, Head of Policy Analysis and Research (Regulatory Affairs), Multichoice SA