



IIC MENA Chapter Inaugural Event – in person

Date: 21st February 2023

Location: Doha, Qatar

Agenda: Tuesday 21 February 2023

09:00 - 09:30: Registration

09:30-09:35: Official Opening

09:35-09:45: Introduction to IIC

An update on the role and purpose of the IIC

09:45-10:00: IIC MENA Chapter

Purpose and vision of the newly formed regional Chapter Plans for 2023 and beyond Structure and Roles within the Chapter Forming and the role of the MENA Chapter committee

10:00-10:45: Presentation: World Cup 2022 – Preparations, network statistics and lessons learned

10:45-11:15: Break

11:15-12:00: Panel: Regional regulators objectives and priorities for 2023

What are the objectives and priorities for 2023? What does success look like? How can industry work together with regulators with respect to achieving these goals?

12:00-12:45: Panel: WRC23 preparations

WRC-23 takes place from 20 November to 15 December 2023 in Dubai with the following Agenda Items relevant for IMT (International Mobile Telecommunications):

1.1 – IMT in the band 4 800-4 990 MHz; 1.2 – IMT in a number of bands including in the 3.5 GHz and 6 GHz ranges; 1.3 – Mobile Allocation in 3 600-3 800 MHz in Region 1; and 1.5 – Consideration of sub-1 GHz spectrum in Region 1. What are the panelists views on the spectrum bands up for allocation within the IMT agenda items? Have positions on these Agenda items been adopted? If not decided, what are the elements still under consideration?

12:45-13:45: Lunch

13:45-14:40: Panel: Enhancing national resilience through investment in international connectivity

The importance of international connectivity in the communications ecosystem How investment and competition in the provision of international connectivity infrastructure in the Middle East and North Africa can be encouraged The role of non-telcos (i.e., companies other than national telecoms operators) in the international connectivity value chain How pricing of international connectivity to / from / within the MENA region can become more aligned with pricing elsewhere

14:30-15:00: Presentation: Digital Transformation and Data: Smart data governance

15:00-15:15: Presentation: Plans for ITU PP-26

15:15: Wrap Up and Next Steps