International Institute of Communications

IIC MENA Chapter meeting – Towards a Digital Economy

Date: 23rd April 2024

Location: Manama, Bahrain

Agenda: Tuesday 23 April 2024

08:30-08:40: Welcome Remarks

Philip Marnick, General Director, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), Bahrain; Director, IIC

08:40-08:50: About the IIC

Lynn Robinson, IIC Director General

08:50-09:00: Aims for the day

Fraser Graham, Director Public Policy, Ooredoo Group

09:00-09:45: Panel: AI and the Regulatory Paradigm

Moderator:

Martin Hayward, Partner, Risk Advisory Services, Pinsent Masons

Panelists:

Amjad Maawia Elnayal, Manager of Technology, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Bahrain (TRA)

Khaled Shivji, Corporate, External & Legal Affairs, Microsoft

Ameen Altajer, CEO, INFINITEWARE

09:45-10:30: Panel: Towards a Digital Economy

Moderator:

Andrew Fawcett, Partner, Digital & Data, Al Tamimi & Company

Panelists:

Ahmed Jaber Aldoseri, Chief Executive Officer, BNET

Mahmood Alzadjali, Senior Manager of Governance and Risk Management, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (Oman)

Abdullah K. Al Ajmi, Vice Chairman, Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority (CITRA), Kuwait

10:30-11:00: Refreshments & Networking

11:00-11:45: Presentation & Panel: Online Safety: protecting society

Presenter and Moderator:

Jenny Jones, Director of Child Rights, GSMA

Panelists:

Sh. Abdulla Bin Humood Al Khalifa, Director of Consumer and Communications, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), Bahrain

Sarah Al-Husseini, Head of Government Affairs and Public Policy for Saudi Arabia, Google

11:45-12:30: Panel: Data Privacy in the Always-on World

Presentation:

Fraser Graham, Director Public Policy, Ooredoo Group

Moderator:

George Metaxas, Senior Partner, Axon Partners Group

Panelists:

Jean Pierre Scerri, General Counsel, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), Bahrain

Vladislav Klimov, Cloud Technology Manager, SAP EMEA South

Martin Hayward, Partner, Risk Advisory Services, Pinsent Masons

12:30-13:15: Panel: Cybersecurity: Keeping us safe in an ever-changing world

Moderator:

Vladislav Klimov, Cloud Technology Manager, SAP EMEA South

Panelists:

Jean Pierre Scerri, General Counsel, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), Bahrain

Gareth Mills, Partner, Charles Russell Speechlys

Visiola Pula, Senior Analyst in Cybersecurity Regulation, Cullen International

13:15-14:15: Networking Lunch

14:15-15:00: Presentation & Panel: IoT is new regulation required?

Presenter and Moderator:

Francesco Paolo Di Gregorio, Director Advocacy & Policy, Ooredoo Qatar

Panelists:

Bo Andersson, Senior Economist, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), Bahrain

Simon Topping, Senior Legal Consultant, Dentons

Polpudenko Dmitry, Executive Marketing Manager, ME & CA Wireless & Cloud Core MSSD, Huawei Tech (UAE) FZ-LLC

15:00-15:45: Presentation & Panel: Satellites: do we need a new regulatory regime?

Moderator:

Andrew Fawcett, Partner, Digital & Data, Al Tamimi & Company

Panelists:

Ali Hayajneh, Senior Analyst, Telecom MENA , Cullen International

15:45-16:00: Wrap Up and Next Steps

Fraser Graham, Director Public Policy, Ooredoo Group