



# IIC MENA Chapter meeting – Towards a Digital Economy

**Date:** 23rd April 2024

**Location:** Manama, Bahrain

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## 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