



TMF Doha 2017

Date: 21st - 23rd March 2017

Location: Doha, Qatar

Agenda: Wednesday 22 March 2017

08:15 : Registration and Welcome

09.10 Welcome **Chris Chapman**, President, International Institute of Communications

09:20: Keynote Panel of Regulators: Objectives and Priorities for Regulators in the Middle East and Beyond - Adapting to Digital Transformation and the Pace of Convergence

Keynote:

HE Mohammed Ali Al-Mannai, President, Communications Regulatory Authority of Qatar

Speakers:

HE Dr Abdulaziz Salem Al Rwais, Governor, Communications and Information

TEchnology Commission (CITC), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

HE Sh Nasser Bin Mohamed Al Khalifa, Deputy General Director, Telecommunications

Regulatory Authority, Bahrain

10.30 Refreshments and networking

11:00: Stimulating Sustainable Investment in Telecom and Digital Media Innovation and Infrastructure

Panel discussion topics include:

Progress with national broadband plans; update on penetration rates and demand; USO and fiscal policies in the region - building certainty and incentives to promote investment in the digital ecosystem as a whole

Chair:

Marc Furrer, Senior Partner, Monti Stampa Furrer Partners; Former President, Federal Communications Commission, Switzerland

Panellists:

Amr Eid, CEO, Gulf Bridge International

James Bellis, Director, Telecommunications Practice, Frontier Economics

Nezih Dincbudak, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, Orange Middle East & Africa

12.45 Lunch and networking

13:45: Competition - What Interventions Can the Regulator Undertake to

Drive Competition?

Panel discussion topics include:

Moving from ex-ante regulatory regimes to competition rules based regimes; impact of open access regulation, network sharing, active sharing; approaches to wholesale regulation

Chair:

Francesco Liberatore, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs (UK) LLP

Panellists:

Leong Keng Thai, Deputy Chief Executive, Info-Communications Media Development Authority of Singapore (IMDA)

Ikram Jebabli, Director of the Fixed Access Direction, Tunisian Telecommunications Regulatory Authority

Dr Alexandre Serot, Senior Executive Public Policy Regulatory Affairs & Economic Regulation, Vodafone Qatar

15.15 Refreshments and networking

15:30: Digital Content, OTT Services and Net Neutrality Principles

Panel discussion topics include:

Open Internet policies and paid prioritisation/zero rating; stimulating high quality, local, accessible content; legacy regulations - what are the arguments for and against a new policy environment for OTT and access providers?

Chair:

James Bellis, Director, Telecommunications Practice, Frontier Economics

Panellists:

Ola Bergström, Director for International Affairs, Swedish Post and Telecom Authority

Dr Stephen Collins, Chief Digital Policy Officer, Vimpelcom

Dr Robert Pepper, Head, Global Connectivity Policy and Planning, Facebook

Andrew R. White, Chief Strategy & Business Development Officer, Zain Group

Rob Middlehurst, Group Vice President, Regulatory Affairs - International Policy, Etisalat

17:00 Close of Day 1 followed by Reception 17:00-18:30

Agenda: Thursday 23 March 2017

08:45: Registration and Welcome

09:30: Session 1: Analysing the Opportunities for, and Implications of, Media and Communications Industry Convergence in the Region

Panel discussion topics include:

Evolving business models - what are the policy and regulatory challenges and opportunities?

The changing roles and responsibilities of the regulator

Chair:

Mark Williams, Managing Director, Berkeley Research Group

Panellists:

Dr Rainer Schnepfleitner, Manager Regulation Affairs and Competition, Communications Regulatory Authority of Qatar (CRA)

Reema Traynor, Director, Legal & Regulatory Affairs, Media Zone Authority - Abu Dhabi (twofour54)

Ammar Hamadien, Head of Strategic Engagement- MENA, GSMA

11:00 Refreshments and networking

11:20: Session 2: Digital Economy - How to Achieve the Economies of Scale to Deliver M2M and IoT in Smaller Emerging Markets

Panel discussion topics include:

Route to 5G; cloud services and cross border data flows; spectrum neutrality of use versus service specific licensing principles

Chair:

Howaida Nadim, CEO & Founder, Foresight Communications Consultancy

Panellists:

Brahim Ghribi, Head of Government Relations Middle East & Africa, Nokia

Ali Cheema, Regional Manager Government & Industry Relations, Ericsson

Dr Robert Pepper, Head, Global Connectivity Policy and Planning, Facebook

Johann Adjovi, Principal, Analysys Mason

13:00 Lunch and networking

14:00: Session 3: Protecting the Digital Consumer - Roles of Regulators, Government and Industry; Balancing Privacy and Cyber Security

Panel discussion topics include:

Consumer protection from spam, premium rate services, illegal content; managing digital identity and national cybersecurity; balancing data protection and privacy of the digital citizen with critical national infrastructure protection

Chair:

Simon Milner, Policy Director, UK, Middle East & Africa, Facebook

Panellists:

Travis LeBlanc, Partner, Boies Schiller Flexner LLP; Former Enforcement Chief, FCC , USA

Ramez Dandan, Regional Technology Officer (CTO), Microsoft Gulf

Aziz Mohamed, Director, Government Affairs, Cisco Middle East

Kelly Tymburski, Partner, Dentons & Co

Dr Ashraf Ali Ismael, National Information Assurance Manager, Cyber security Division, Ministry of Transport & Communications, Qatar

Dr Bharat Vagadia, Director, Regulatory Policy and Advocacy, Ooredoo

15:30 Closing remarks

15:40 End of Telecommunications & Digital Media Forum Doha 2017