

# IIC MENA CHAPTER

## OBJECTIVES, CONSTITUTION, ROLES AND WORKPLAN

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# Objectives of IIC MENA Chapter

1

To share, learn from and collaborate amongst stakeholders in the telecommunications and digital sector within the MENA region – and help shape the policy, regulatory and operating environment within our respective markets to the benefit of consumers and society as a whole.

2

To bring together knowledge bearers from leading markets to share good practice.

3

To create a platform for open discussion between policy makers, regulators and operators using Chatham House Rule.

4

To research and disseminate reports and guidelines that can assist stakeholders make positive change.

5

To provide a neutral environment to facilitate debating of current policy issues.

## Constitution of the IIC MENA Chapter

**i**

IIC MENA Chapter has been formed as of 05 October 2022 with Bharat Vagadia as Chair, for a period of three years. Any extension for this term will need to be agreed with the Director General of the IIC.

**ii**

The IIC MENA Chapter is not a separate legal entity – it sits under the IIC HQ – as such no legal reporting or tax obligations arise.

**iii**

All members of the IIC in the country concerned are automatically members of a IIC MENA Chapter.

**iv**

A number of committees will be formed under the IIC MENA Chapter.

**v**

Election of officers to a committee will be through majority voting of members of the IIC MENA Chapter.

**vi**

A list of members of the IIC MENA Chapter will be kept by the Chapter secretariat Fraser Graham.

# Key themes relevant for MENA telecoms / digital sector

Spectrum and  
switch offs

Technology  
agnostic licensing

Cross -border data  
flows / use of cloud

Wholesale access  
costing / pricing

OTT / digital player  
fair share debate

Developing  
competition  
policies

Network sharing /  
carve outs

High mobile specific  
taxation /  
regulatory fees

Independent  
regulators in law  
and action

Role of satellite  
operators

Lack of digital  
enablement

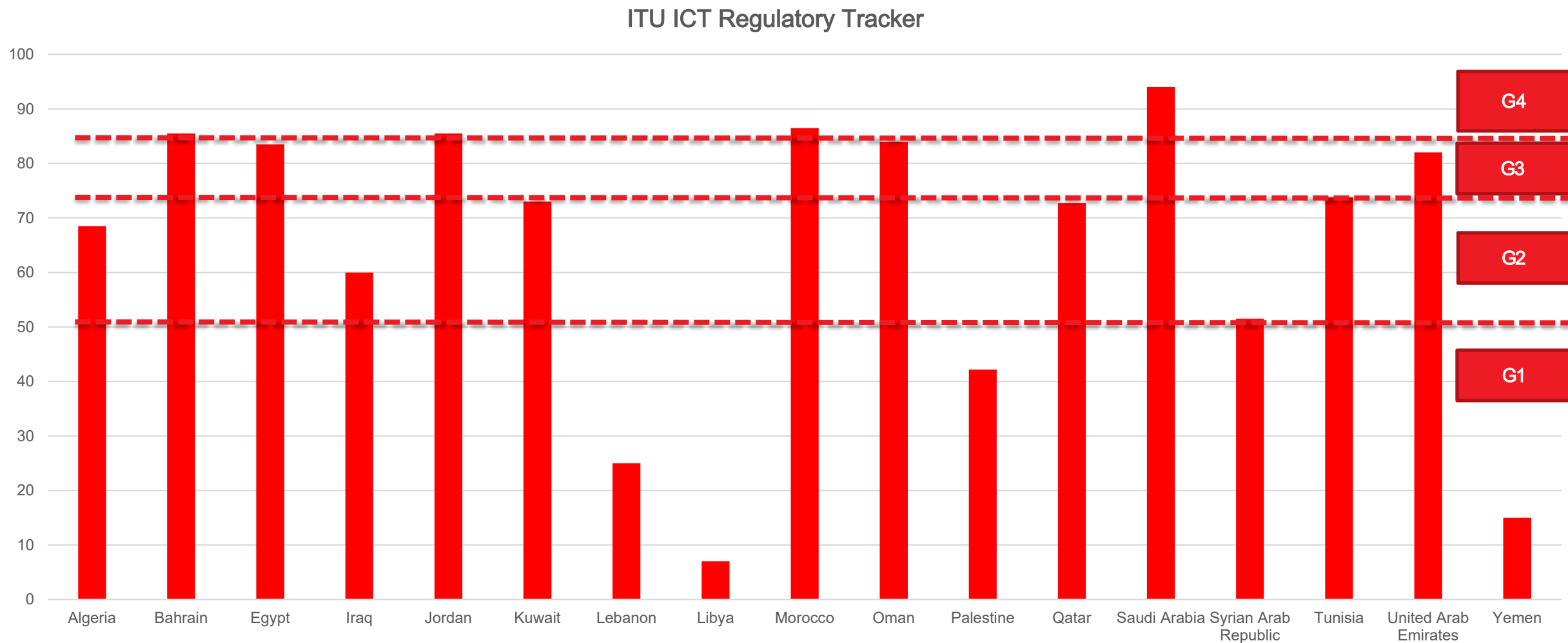
MFS / Digital  
banking

Communication  
Laws

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Fiber / IGW

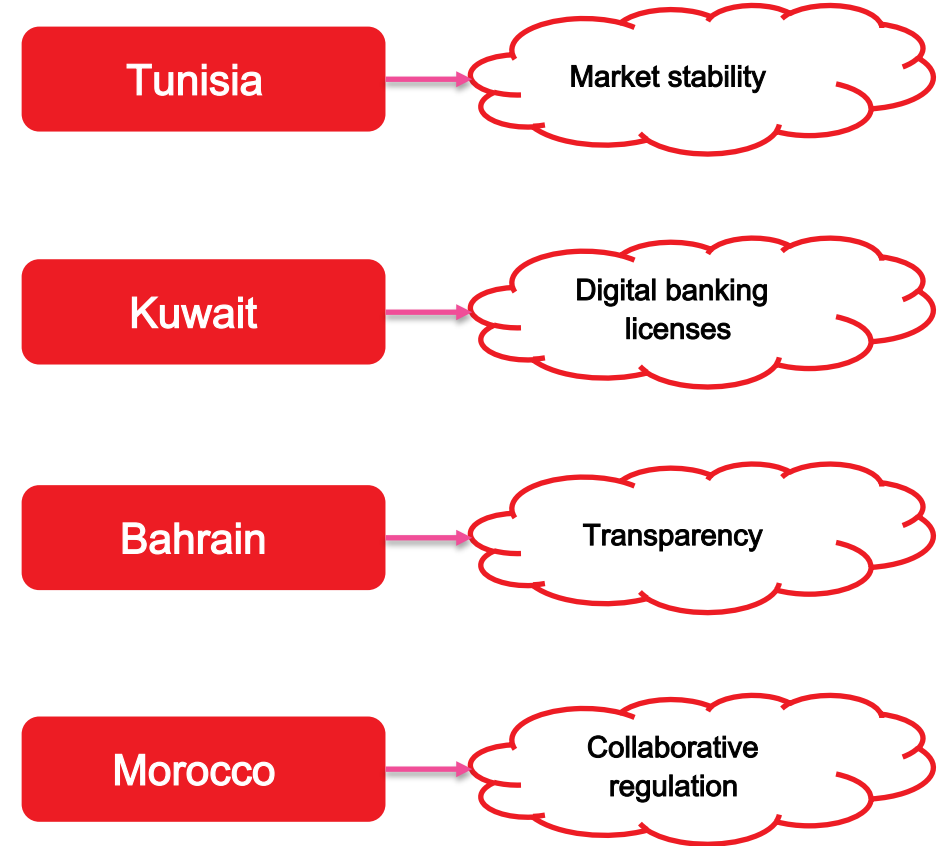
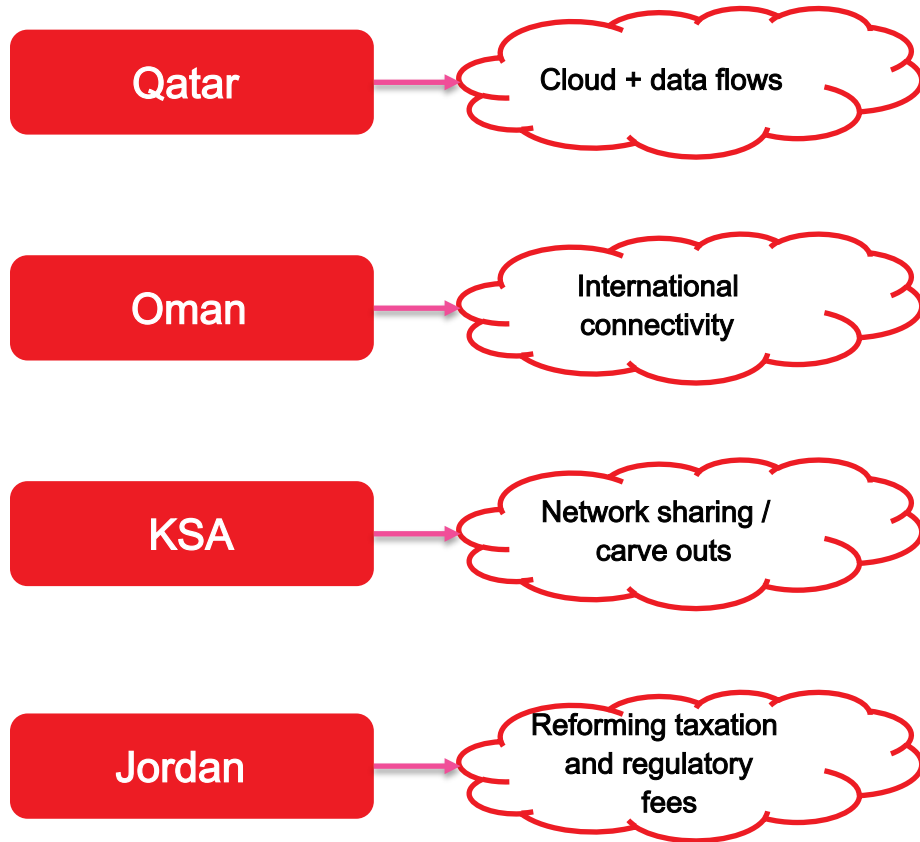
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business case

# The MENA region has a diverse set of ICT regulatory environments...

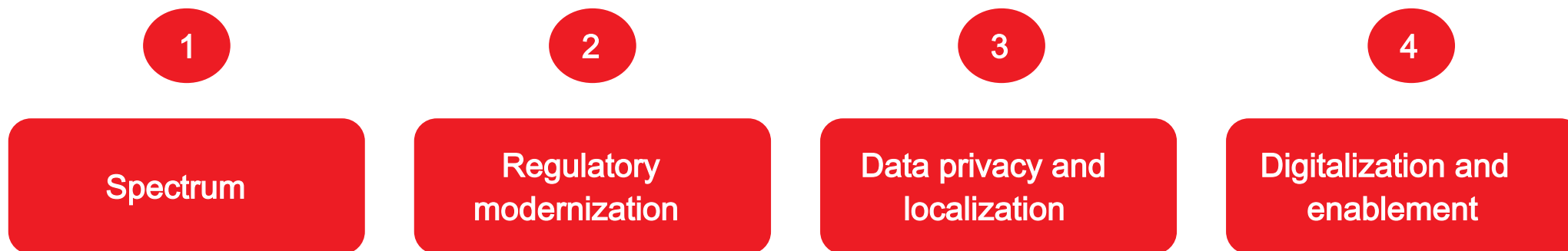


<https://app.gen5.digital/tracker/about>

..and there are useful lessons to be learnt from each other



# Proposed IIC MENA Chapter Committees



1. IIC MENA Chapter members can join and participate within any of these Committees.
2. Each Committee will have its own Committee lead (voted by Committee members where more than one nomination has been received).
3. Committees will follow Chatham House Rule.
4. Committee reports would need to be approved by IIC MENA chair before circulation to wider group.
5. Each Committee will need to be self funded and make use of resources of each Committee member.

## Envisaged 2023 workplan

### Actions

➔ **Ensure wide representation of MENA policy makers, regulators and operators**

- IIC HQ to reach out to MENA community
- IIC MENA Chapter members to recommend new members to IIC HQ

➔ **Confirmation of proposed Committees**

- IIC MENA Chapter members to suggest alternatives if the proposed Committees are not supported – each member to send requests to join relevant Committee to Chair

➔ **Confirmation of Committee Leads**

- Committee members to send recommendation nominations for Committee Leads to Chair
- Voting to take place via online survey – majority vote where more than one nomination

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- Any volunteers interested in hosting it?



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