Internet Governance In The Arab World

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ARAB INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM



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Arab IGF

- Arab IGF formed February 2012 at open consultation meeting in Beirut
- Multistakeholder in nature, open and inclusive
- Egyptian NTRA will host Arab IGF Secretariat
- Call for Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) published: <u>http://www.igfarab.org/</u>
- Regional Concerns:

- Capacity building / job creation in IT / youth



Arab IGF

- Scheduled for 9-11 October 2012 Kuwait
- Hosted by Kuwait Information Technology Society (KITS)
- Gov'ts present: AE, BH, DZ, EG, JO, KW, LB, OM, QA, SA
- Other stakeholders:
 - ICANN, SAMENA, KITS, Lebanese University, Sudan University of Science & Tech., DiploFoundation, Microsoft, RIPE NCC...



Arab IGF – Input to global Process

Why is this important for tech. community?:

- Identify regional public/private cooperation to inject into Global IGF
 - RIRs have always stressed importance of regional input into global IGF
 - RIRs support remote participation using technology
- RIPE NCC working with Secretariat on suggestions/outcome submission to global IGF
- Influence through presence and contributions



Useful Links:

- Arab IGF
 - www.igfarab.org
- Middle East Network Operators Group (MENOG)
 - www.menog.org
- UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
 - <u>http://www.escwa.un.org/</u>
- League of Arab States (LAS)
 - <u>http://www.arableagueonline.org</u>



TRA Orientation at RIPE NCC

- Staff from all Telecommunications Regulatory Authorities (TRA) from Middle East will visit RIPE NCC for a 3 day orientation of the RIR system
- Formal proposal approved by Gulf Cooperation
 Council (GCC) Council of Ministers in Feb 2012
- Planned for 2-4 July 2012
- Establish relations and open the door for consulation from RIPE and RIPE NCC



RIPE NCC Roundtable, February 2012

- First time in Brussels
- More than 50 attendees
 - Including 10 European Commission staff
- Topics discussed:
 - ITU WCIT / ITRs
 - Led to greater RIPE NCC involvement with CEPT
 - Cross-border law enforcement and the RIPE NCC
 - Combined perspectives from government and LEAs
 - IPv6 deployment, RPKI, RIPE NCC tools and services



Questions?



