Joint Webinar on Arab Region Perspectives on IG Processes
Review of WSIS, the Summit of the Future, GDC, and the road to IGF Riyadh and WSIS+20

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are pleased to invite you to an insightful joint webinar, "Arab Region Perspectives on Internet Governance Processes: Reviewing WSIS, the Summit of the Future, GDC, and the Road to IGF Riyadh & WSIS+20," co-organized by the Lebanon IGF, Arab IGF, and North Africa IGF. This 90-minute session will provide a platform for the Arab Internet community to engage in critical discussions on global digital governance developments and their implications for our region. With the IGF in Riyadh approaching and the WSIS+20 milestone on the horizon, this webinar aims to prepare stakeholders for meaningful participation while aligning regional priorities with global initiatives.

This webinar will bring together voices from across governments, civil society, academia, the private sector, and the technical community, providing a unique opportunity for dialogue and collaboration. We invite you to participate in this critical discussion and help shape the Arab region's role in global Internet governance.

We look forward to your participation!

Best regards,
IGF Lebanon, North Africa & Arab IGF Teams

Date: Tuesday, 10 December 2024
Time: 08:00 AM UTC
Venue: Online

Zoom Link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81932233950?pwd=MrmUUkIv21abOyIwWWO5PAGqIo88OQ.1

<u>Agenda:</u>

- **Welcome & Opening Remarks (5 minutes)**
  Introduce the webinar's goals and relevance to the regional community. Set the stage for the IGF in Riyadh and its significance for Arab countries.
  Mr. Chafic Chaya, Lebanon IGF
  ESCWA | LAS representatives, Arab IGF
  Mr. Ahmed Farag, North Africa IGF & Arab IGF MAG member

- **WSIS outcomes and the road to WSIS+20 (10 min)**
  Highlight key WSIS outcomes and discuss actionable steps for regional alignment.
  Mr. Karim Abdelghani, ITU, Switzerland

- **Explain the role of the IGF: The Road to Riyadh (10 min)**
  The IGF's impact on global digital policies and explore how Arab stakeholders can actively participate in Riyadh IGF and leverage discussions for regional benefit.
  Ms. Christine Arida, NTRA, Egypt

- **Insights from the Summit of the Future and GDC (10 min)**
  Overview of the Summit's key and GDC themes and their implications for the future of digital governance in the Arab region.
  Mr. Qusai Al-Shatti, ex-MAG and Arab IGF member, Kuwait

- **From Multilateralism to Multistakeholderism (10 min)**
  Examine the UN's transition from multilateralism to multistakeholderism, its benefits, and the challenges to effective implementation in the Arab regions
  Mr. Chafic Chaya, RIPE NCC, United Arab Emirates

- **Open Discussion with Audience (40 min)**

- **Closing Remarks and Next Steps (5 min)**
  Mr. Chafic Chaya - Mr. Ahmed Farag - ESCWA l LAS representatives