

SECOND REGIONAL PREPARATORY CONFERENCE FOR WSIS
Partnership for building the Arab information society
Damascus, 22-23 November 2004

AGENDA
DAY ONE

22 November 2004	08:30	Registration (at Ebla Cham Palace – Opposite Umayyad Congress Palace)		
	09:30	OPENING		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA • UNESCO • ITU • WSIS/PrepCom • MoCT, Syrian Arab Republic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ahmed Farahat</i> <i>Elizabeth Longworth</i> <i>Pierre Gagné</i> <i>Janis Karklins</i> <i>Bachir Al-Mounajed</i> 	
	10:25	Break		
	10:30	PLENARY I Ministerial Statements		
		Chair: H.E. M. Bachir Al-Mounajed <i>Minister of Communications and Technology, Syrian Arab Republic</i>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E Mohamed Jamil Mulla, <i>Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Saudi Arabia</i> • H.E Azzam Al-Ahmed, <i>Ministry of Communications & information Technology, Palestine</i> • Mr. Ahmed Al Sherbiny, <i>Representing the Minister of Communications & Information Technology, Egypt</i> • Mr. El-Hassan Essiarab, <i>Representing the Minister of National Education and Higher Education and Scientific Research, Morocco</i> 		
	11:00	Coffee Break		
	11:30	PLENARY II		
		Chair: H.E. Mohamed Jamil Mulla <i>Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Saudi Arabia</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Plan of Action (RPoA) • Visionaries Panel on Building the Arab Information Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ahmed Farahat</i> 		
	Panel Members:			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sassine ASSAF 3. Jacques EKMEKJI 5. Farkhonda HASSAN 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Gamal BAYOUMI 4. Elizabeth LONGWORTH 6. Fouad SHAKER 		
13:30	LUNCH			
15:00	THEME 1 Civil Society/NGOs	THEME 2 National Perspectives	THEME 3 Knowledge Building	
	<i>Mouwafak Daaboul (Chair)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amani Kandil • Moustapha Masmoudi • Munir Idaibes • Kinda Mouhamadieh 	<i>Maher Al-Moujtahed (Chair)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imad Sabouni • Ziad Haddara • Hassan Sharafuddin • Ihsan Bu-Hulaiga 	<i>Ibrahim Al-Haddad (Chair)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moutasem Zakkar • Toufic Mezher • Hussam Kayyal 	
16:30	Coffee Break			
17:00	THEME 4 Women Issues	THEME 5 National Perspectives	THEME 6 ICT Strategies	
	<i>Farkhonda Hassan (Chair)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita Gurumuthy • Rai'da Al-Zu'bi • Hana Asfour 	<i>Samia Melki Fessi (Chair)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadia Hegazy • Omar Qourah • Moawia Yahia 	<i>Ahmed Al Sherbiny (Chair)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Najib Abdel Wahed • Gamal Darwish • Ahmad Mansour • Sadek Moufti 	
18:30				

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23 November 2004	09:00	<p align="center">THEME 7 Socio-Economic Applications</p> <p><i>Najat Rochdi (Chair)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahmad Al Kohiji • Ayssar Midani • Bruno Salgues • Salah Rustum • Bassem Safadi 	<p align="center">THEME 8 Global Issues</p> <p><i>Raymond Khoury (Chair)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ziad Abdelsamad • Axel Pawlik • Rob Blokzijl • Karmela Godeau 	<p align="center">THEME 9 Digital Arabic Content</p> <p><i>Yousef Nusseir (Chair)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdulaziz Al-Zoman • Mhmd. El-Hamalaway • Adnan Wall • Ahmed El-Sobky • Hussain Ibraheem
	11:00	Coffee Break		
	11:30	<p align="center">THEME 10 ICT Sector</p> <p><i>Imad Sabouni (Chair)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thierry Albrand • Samir Aita • Mahmoud Anbar • Mahir Ali • Ziad Jabry 	<p align="center">THEME 11 Regional Cooperation</p> <p><i>Abdulrahman Sabri (Chair)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohammad Timoulali • Youssef Nusseir • Salam Yamout • Ahmad Dhaif • Najat Rochdi 	<p align="center">THEME 12 UNESCO Knowledge Communities</p> <p><i>Tarek Shawki (Chair)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdel-Elah Al-Ayyoub • Christophe Déplacé • Vincenzo Pulliatti • Nabil Sabry • Eglal Bahgat
	13:30	LUNCH		
	15:00	<p>PLENARY III Chair: Mr. Awad Haj Ali Ahmed <i>The Vice Chancellor, of the Alneelain University, Sudan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hisham El-Sherif • Interventions on RPOA 		
	16:30	Coffee Break		
	17:00	<p>CLOSING Chair: H.E. M. Bachir Al-Mounajed <i>Minister of Communications and Technology, Syrian Arab Republic</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Private Partnership • Partnership Scheme and On-line Implementation modality • Damascus Call for Partnership 		
	18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Coll Hunter</i> <i>Abdulilah Dewachi</i> <i>Mansour Farah</i> 		

THEME 1

Mowafak Daaboul

Amani Kandil
Moustapha Masmoudi
Munir Idaibes
Kinda Mouhamadie

Civil Society and NGOs

Chairperson

A Prospect on the Arab Civil Society and the Information Society
Civil Society in the Information Age
Outcome of Amman Conference "Towards a Just Information Society"
Youth and Information Society in the Arab Region

THEME 2

Maher Al-Moujtahed

Imad Sabouni
Ziad I. Haddara
Hassan Sharafuddin
Ihsan Ali Bu-Hulaiga

National Perspectives

Chairperson

Developing an ICT Strategy for Syria
Launching the National e-Strategy in Lebanon
Knowledge Society (Case of Yemen)
Saudi Information Society and Knowledge Economy

THEME 3

Ibrahim Al-Haddad

Moutasem Zakkar
Toufic Mezher
Hussam Kayyal

Knowledge Building

Chairperson

Digital Divide or Knowledge Divide?
A Framework for Building a Knowledge Society in the Arab Region
Public Private Partnership in the Middle East

THEME 4

Farkhonda Hassan

Anita Gurumuthy
Raida Al-Zubi
Hana Asfour

Women Issues

Chairperson

ICT and Gender
Bridge Gender and ICT Pack
e-village Initiative

THEME 5

Samia Melki Fessi

Nadia Hegazy
Omar Qourah
Moawia Yahia

National Perspectives

Chairperson

Egyptian Best Practices for Potential Replication
Information in the Service of Development
ICT Scientific Research Priorities and Status in Sudan

THEME 6

Ahmad El-Sherbini

Najib Abdel Wahed

Gamal Darwish
Ahmad Mansour
Sadek Moufti

ICT Strategies

Chairperson

Leapfrogging as a Development Strategy for Developing Countries:
Potentials of ICTs
Model for Developing National Informatics Plan for Arab Countries
Towards an Arab ICT Industrial Strategy
Global Development Gateways

THEME 7

Najat Rochdi

Ahmad Al Kohiji
Ayssar Midani
Bruno Salgues
Salah Rustum
Bassem Safadi

Socio-Economic Applications

Chairperson

Bahrain e-commerce Initiative: A Framework for Success
e-Health and Syria
Cybercities for Development
The Electronic Digital Signature
Role of Information Watch in Business Development

THEME 8**Raymond Khoury**

Ziad Abdelsamad
Axel Pawlik
Rob Blokzijl
Karmela Godeau

Global Issues**Chairperson**

Issues in Development, Commerce, Reform and Democracy
Introduction to the RIPE NCC
Technical Coordination of the Internet
Migration, ICT and the Information Society

THEME 9**Yousef Nusseir**

Abdulaziz Al-Zoman

Mohamed El-Hamalawy

Adnan Wall
Ahmed El-Sobky
Hussain Ibrahim

Digital Arabic content**Chairperson**

Saudi NICs Experiences and Contributions in Supporting Arabic Domain Names
Principles of Addressing Schemes for Arabic Domain Names on the Internet
Arabic Language and the Internet
e-Content: The Bridge to a Knowledge-Based Society
Methodology of Media Communications in the Information Society

THEME 10**Imad Sabouni**

Thierry Albrand
Samir Aita

Mahmoud Anbar
Mahir S. Ali

Ziad Jabry

ICT Sector**Chairperson**

ALCATELs Digital Bridge Initiative
Issues and Challenges for the Development of an ICT Economic Sector
Public – Private Partnership (PPP)
Information and Communication Technologies: A Must Partnership Among Governments, Industry and Universities
The Making of an Arabic Internet Search Engine

THEME 11**Abdulrahman Sabri**

Mohammad Timoulali
Yousef Nusseir
Salam Yamout
Ahmad Dhaif
Najat Rochdi

Regional Cooperation**Chairperson**

Africa Preparation for the Second Phase of WSIS
Arab Cooperation in Building the Information Society
Propositions for Reaching the Arab Information Society
Gulf Industrial Databases
ICT Development in the Arab Region

THEME 12**Tarek Shawki**

Abdel-Elah Al-Ayyoub

Christophe Déplacé
Vincenzo Pulliatti
Nabil Sabry

Eglal Bahgat

UNESCO Knowledge Communities**Chairperson - UNESCO Knowledge Communities**

The Moodle Course Management System: A Free, Open Source System for Online Learning
Wolfram Mathematica System
Arab Open Source Business Consortium
On Usability and Evaluation of Open Courseware in Developing Nations
Memory of the Arab World