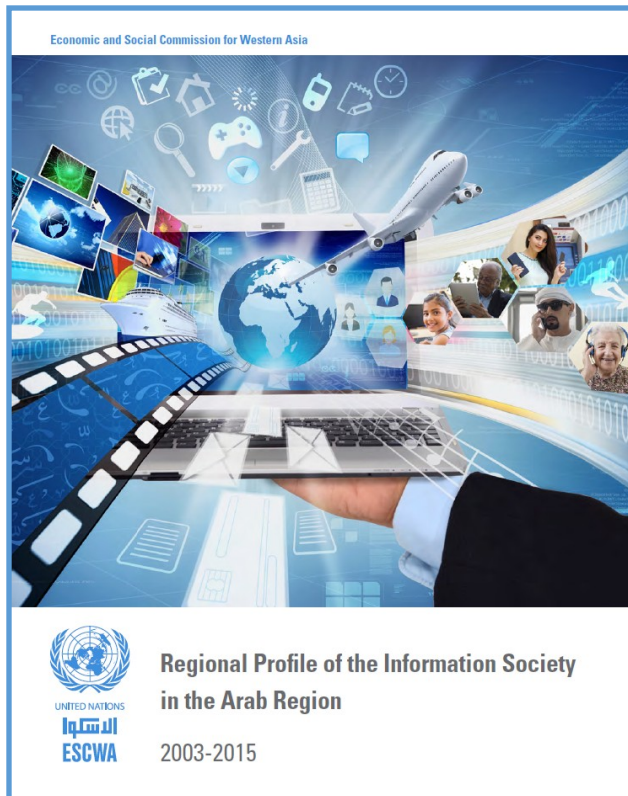


Regional Profile of the Information Society in the Arab Region, 2003-2015

The March Towards a Digitally Integrated Arab World



The latest issue of the Regional Profile of the Information Society in the Arab region covers the period 2003-2015, as it portrays the development and achievements of the region in building the information society based on the ten action lines defined by WSIS. Each chapter highlights the progress of member states in one of these action lines, providing objective analyses and comparisons based on findings and statistics drawn from renowned sources, as well as selected success stories from various countries in the region. Furthermore, every chapter discusses the strengths and weaknesses of the Arab region, and concludes with a set of actionable recommendations for the corresponding action line. The final chapter of the report is dedicated to highlighting the most important areas of interdependence between development priorities of the information society in the region and the newly adopted 2030 Development Agenda.

The analysis provided in the report shows a great deal of improvement over the years, and major achievements in many areas of the information society. Bright spots were seen in the formulation and modernization of national ICT policies and strategies, the development of a modern ICT infrastructure, and the creation of an enabling environment. Despite the progress made in developing the Information Society, the Arab region still faces persisting challenges especially in the areas of cyber security, ICT sector, capacity building, and expanding affordable broadband services. With the acceleration of technological development and its increasing importance in the development process, the Arab region needs to exert additional efforts to bridge the digital and knowledge divides and achieve sustainable social and economic development, in line with the Development Agenda 2030 and the outcomes of WSIS+10.

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