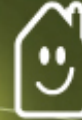Enhancing Life

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Dear Readers,

MENA Fibre is a monthly newsletter prepared and distributed by FTTH Council MENA to all readers interested in the Fibre world. This newsletter is sent to subscribers who have registered on our website and to our members. Feel free to forward to colleagues and friends.

As always you can find daily or weekly updates on FTTH Council MENA website and through this monthly e-newsletter. Also FTTH Council MENA team is always pleased to answer your enquiries on

info@ftthcouncilmena.org

Message to FTTH Council MENA Members

FTTH Council MENA would like to thank its members who are committed to the successful progress of the council with their dedicated participation and involvement.

We are very happy to kick-off together the new year and have much progress to report. In the last year FTTH Council MENA has:

- Launched the 6th edition of FTTH Council MENA Conference in Dubai in November 2014 and witnessed another huge success.
- Conducted important studies and white papers :

  - The NBN Policy in MENA
  - FTTH Market Panorama in 11 countries
  - Assessing the readiness of Smart Cities

- Continuous support with our partners.
- Launched new FTTH training programs
- Achieved Regional and dedicated Workshop and FTTH certified training to bring the know-how and expertise for FTTH deployment.
- 50+ members since 2011

FTTH Council MENA Board of Directors, Committees Chairs, Team and Members have continued their steady advance toward bringing genuinely next-generation solutions and applications to life which have the potential to change the way we work, live and learn.

Stay tuned by visiting regularly our website and through this monthly e-newsletter.

FTTH Training Level 2 - Network Design & Planning
Register Now! 24 to 27 March 2015 - Dubai

Register Now for the Level 2 of FTTH Training!

We are pleased to announce our next FTTH training "Level 2- Network Design & Planning" which will be held from 24 to 27 March in Dubai.

The training program is designed for 4 days and will enable the participants to develop their management and technical skills in the FTTH design and planning field and will conclude with a certification of attendance provided instantly by the instructor and FTTH Council MENA.

For information and registration contact info@ftthcouncilmena.org.
Registration Deadline: March 5th, 2015.

GOLD Promo for Members

FTTH Council MENA has just launched the **Gold Promo** opportunity offered exclusively to all our silver members wishing to benefit from different options to empower their business development and visibility in the MENA region by upgrading to Gold membership.

By upgrading to Gold Member in 2015, the following benefits will be offered:
- 3 additional free passes to members/sponsors for the annual conference
- 1 free pass for the annual conference for non-sponsor member.
- 30% Discount for Ads in the Council supplements (e.g.Telecom Review or else)
- Special recognition for Committees members in the council media channels: Conference,

Website, monthly E-newsletter, Website, Social Medias.

Take advantage of this promotion Now! by simply contacting us at
info@ftthcouncilmena.org.

Join our Committees Now!

Take part of its recognized activities. Members Only

Technology & Training Committee
chaired by Mr Gamal Hegazi, Alcaltel-Lucent
This Committee is an important pillar for promoting FTTH in the MENA region whereby can provide the council an advantage of presenting an agnostic view of the FTTH technology and the know-how through its technical documentation and certified training.

Smart Cities Ops and Apps
chaired by Mr Richard Jones, Ventura Team
The committee's mission is to accelerate deployment of ultra high-speed FTTH - highlighting deployment approaches, applications and the benefits for Smart Cities, campuses and other real estate developments in the MENA region.

Policy & Regulation Committee
chaired by Ms. Christine Beylouni, FTTH Council MENA
This Committee follows and positively influences relevant policy and regulatory developments in the MENA region, that has an impact on broadband deployment in general and FTTH roll-out in particular.
It interacts with International entities on relevant topics of FTTH and Broadband policies.

Market Development & Intelligence Committee
chaired by Mr Faiq Shahrouri, OFS
This Committee works on the latest FTTH market data and evolution in the countries of the MENA region. In addition it focuses on the FTTH market development in each country of the MENA region. It will deliver related reports and market studies to be used and published as lobbying tool within governmental and national institutions to facilitate the national strategy decision making in the concerned countries.

Members can apply now by calling info@ftthcouncilmena.org **to receive the committees members application form.**

1st Advanced Cable Middle East 2015 - 2-3 Feb. 2015- Abu Dhabi

With the support of FTTH Council MENA, the frst Advanced Cable Middle East show will take place on 2-3 February 2015 in Abu Dhabi.

FTTH Council MENA will be attending and speaking in the conference program which will examine the drivers for demand and the opportunities in advanced fibre optic cables, power transmission, construction and building infrastructure.

For more information and registration visit the **website**

FTTH MENA in Warsaw, Poland from 10 to 12 February 2015!
Annual FTTH Council Europe Conference

Visit us in Booth G4

Creating a Connected Continent!

FTTH Council MENA will be participating and speaking in FTTH Council Europe annual Event which will take place in Warsaw from 10 to 12 February 2015.

As member of the FTTH Councils Global Alliance, FTTH Council MENA will be supporting its sisters councils and will be present in the exhibition for all information needed.

For Registration and information visit Website

COMEX 2015 - Oman - 27 April - 1st May 2015

FTTH Council MENA is the official supporting association to Comex 2015. Under the patronage of the Information Technology Authority of Oman, the event is organized by OITE Trade Fairs and held under the patronage of the Information Technology Authority of Oman.

FTTH Council MENA will be speaking in the main conference and holding a booth in the exhibition.

For more information click Here.

FTTH MENA Market Panorama 2014 - Report 2014

FTTH Council MENA has just launched during its annual event in Dubai the FTTH MENA Market panorama for September 2014. Visit our website to download the latest figures and learn more about FTTH in the MENA region.

Download the information **Here.**

The 9 Dimensions of MENA NBN Policies - Report 2014

During the event in Dubai, FTTH Council MENA presented the MENA NBN policies based on the report commissioned by the Council to Ventura Team to survey the current status of NBN policies in the MENA region in order to identify the most effective generic approach to help policy makers, governments and regulators make the right decisions in the matter of NBN policy and accelerate the FTTH deployment.

The summary of the report is accessible to all readers **Here**.

To receive the full report, contact FTTH Council MENA at **info@ftthcouncilmena.org** .

Assessing the Readiness of Smart Cities - White Paper 2014

This White Paper is designed to help embarking on a smart city strategy or initiative; and considering a change of direction or extension of a smart city project. In this document it is briefly discussed the issues of definition, prioritisation and smart programme design.

Download the white paper **Here**.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay Connected with FTTH Council MENA's social world!

See what's new and stay updated!
Tweet, post, discuss, announce and debate on FTTH Council MENA's social networks

Like us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn. Just click on the related icons to be redirected to our pages and start promoting the FTTH technology and community.
Meet the community people, discuss the latest innovations, make yourself heard and stay updated with the latest news and tweets.

Like us on **Facebook**

Follow us on **twitter**

View our profile on **Linked in**

View our videos on **YouTube**

Check our new **Smart Cities-MENA** twitter account **@SmartCitiesMena.**

MENA FIBRE NEWS

- 3-way cooperation Oman Broadband Company (OBC), Oman Electricity Transmission Company (OETC) and the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) to launch pilot project to provide high speed internet services using the fibre-optic cable infrastructure of electricity companies. **Read More**

- Qatar has reached another milestone with more than 200,000 customers from Ooredoo Qatar connected to its faster fibre network where Ooredoo has managed to accelerate the pace of people being connected to Fibre during 2014 with around 9,000 homes a month are now being linked to Ooredoo Fibre. **Read More**.

- Bahrain Telecommunications Company (Batelco) has expanded its fibre-optic network to the city of Riffa, with down/uplink speeds of up to 150Mbps/15Mbps. Existing broadband customers will be automatically migrated onto the new fibre network. **Read More**

WORLD FIBRE & RESEARCH NEWS   t

- Irish operator Eircom has invested EUR1 billion (USD1.16 billion) on the deployment of fibre broadband since 2012 and has EUR500 million left to spend by mid-2016 which mostly is intended for the installation of fibre infrastructure to rural premises, pending government approval and financial support. **Read More**

- Zimbabwe Online (ZOL), has unveiled the country's lowest priced fibre-optic broadband service. **Read More**.

- Covage France will deploy and operate a fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) network in Seine-et-Marne, a department situated in the region of Ile-de-France with future plan to pass 319,000 homes. **Read More.**

EDUCATION SECTION
Workshops and Training

Take the right decision and make it happen!

In order to enhance the lifestyle of the community, FTTH Council MENA is committed to educate corporate, industries, operators, governments and consumers about FTTH from strategy and decision making to the deployment of Fiber optics to the last mile and in the homes.

- The Strategy of FTTH Deployment Workshop
- FTTH Planning and Design Training - Level 2
- FOA Certified FTTH Technical Training - Fiber to the Home
- Fibre in the Home Training - Deploying Fiber in the MDU's

Check our education section and learn more about FTTH Council MENA educational activities from workshops and training which provide :

* to leaders the right strategies, business models and decisions for FTTH deployment protecting their revenues and projects and ensuring a long term profitable service and the right QoS. Learn more

* to the planning team the know how to do the high level design for the FTTH/FTTX network to cover the defined concerned zones in an efficient timing deployment in order to prepare the FTTH network deployment. Learn more.

* the know-how about FTTH and Fiber Optics theory and give a good understanding to be able to chose and undertake fiber optic work including hands-on and labs exercises such as splicing, measuring with OLTS, and OTDR measurements, on P2P and PON installations. Learn more.

* the benefit of understanding and comprehending and designing in house and in building network installations and particularly for fiber indoor installation/design. This course is a continuation of FTTH fundamentals to extend design capabilities for multi-dwelling units. Learn more.

For more information and pre-registration contact: info@ftthcouncilmena.org

Members Only

Submit and Publish your Technologies White Papers

 FTTH Council MENA invites its members you to submit technical tutorials and educational material for the FTTH technologies whether passive or active or outside plant.

The papers may discuss as well the market or regulatory conditions.
In an effort to share knowledge and benefit across the MENA members and the FTTH community at large such papers will enrich the knowledge and know-how around Fiber to the home domain.

The FTTH council MENA website will host these papers as publicly available material for the members and interested community.

There is no specific deadline for submitting the papers but contributions are welcome on best effort basis.

Members of FTTH Council MENA are invited to check their information and inform us of all new data to be updated and displayed in our website.

For more information contact us at info@ftthcouncilmena.org

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MEMBERSHIP

Check our membership rates in our website and benefits to join the FTTH Council MENA and help creating a better life through promoting the FTTH.

All companies, providers, applications developers, academia and non-profit organisations involved in the development, production, deployment, service, maintenance or analysis of FTTH networks or FTTH network components, are welcomed to be part in our committees, dedicated for developing and promoting messages in the fields of market intelligence, policy and regulation, business and deployment & operations.

ABOUT US

The FTTH Council MENA is an industry organization with a mission to accelerate the availability of fibre-based, ultra-high-speed access networks to consumers and businesses.
The Council promotes this technology because it will deliver a flow of new services that enhances the quality of life, contributes to a better environment and increased economic competitiveness.

For general matters, please contact us on
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