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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

Happy New Year 2016 with Fibre to the Home!



Oman event pictures are available online!



Enjoy the pictures of the 7th edition of FTTH Council MENA Conference held in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 9-11 November 2015. Click [here](#) to view the pictures.

All on www.ftthcouncilmena.org/resources

Follow us #FTTHMENA2015

For further details, contact us at info@ftthcouncilmena.org

Check out our Media Corner!

Check out the our **Media Corner** on the Resources page of our website:

-Download the Special Report -Telecom Review Supplements from the [Media Publications](#) section

-Browse through media reports in the [Media Coverage](#) section

-Read all FTTH Council MENA press releases in the [Press Releases](#) section

-Watch the interview with our Chairman in the [Media Interviews](#) section

All on www.ftthcouncilmena.org/resources

Save the Date for the 8th edition!

Book your space now for Tunisia 2016 event



FTTH Council MENA would like to invite you to join the 8th annual FTTH MENA Conference & Exhibition in Tunisia in 2016.

Interested in sponsorship? Book your space now and get the priority for the best benefits!

Contact info@ftthcouncilmena.org for more information.

Follow us #FTTHMENA2016

NEW in Resources: FCGA Info Library

Check the new FCGA Info Library!

Go to our brand new FCGA section in Resources and find out what some of our sister Councils have been doing this year on the subject of FTTH.

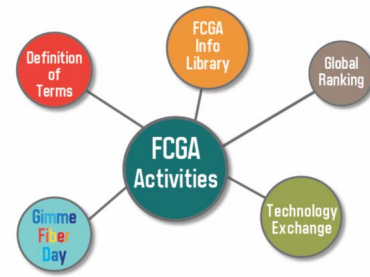
Find the FCGA Info Library [here](#) on our website.

FCGA - Global Power of FTTH Councils Global Alliance MENA 2015 Chairmanship

Learn more about FCGA here <http://www.ftthcouncil.info>

With FTTH Councils Global Alliance platform of its six global FTTH Councils, FCGA ensures that regional commitments are always combined with the power of global cooperation.

All councils are continuously working on empowering the Fiber technology and improving the FTTH



documentation.

To stay updated with the FCGA activities visit our new web page www.ftthcouncil.info or contact the FCGA 2015 President - Ms Christine Beylouni, Director General of FTTH Council MENA at info@ftthcouncilmena.org.



For more information about FCGA and direct links click [Here](#).

The Next Global 2016 FTTH events:

FTTH Europe: 16-19 February 2016, Luxembourg

White Papers 2015

Download all 2015 white papers here:

The FTTH Architectures and Evolution of PON and Point-to-Point - Technology & Training Committee- [Download](#)

Aligning Regulation with National Fibre Access Strategy - Regulatory & Policy Committee - [Download](#)

Selecting the Right Smart Services for a City - Smart Cities Apps & Ops Committee- [Download](#)

FTTH at the Heart of a Smart City - Smart Cities Apps & Ops Committee - [Download](#)

The G.Fast Position Paper - Technology & Training Committee - [Download](#)

FTTH Market Panorama 2015

The annual **FTTH Council MENA Market Panorama Study September 2015** is now launched. You may download the summary presentation here and for more details contact FTTH Council MENA.

[Download](#) summary FTTH Council MENA Panorama Study September 2015

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Members should always login to the Member Area to benefit to the fullest of their membership fee. Restricted studies, reports and whitepapers await inside, unavailable to the public.

Check our membership rates and **benefits** to join the FTTH Council MENA on our website 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.

MENA FIBRE NEWS

- FTTH, the edge of a brighter tomorrow - December 2015 - The Telecom Report special in their December issue - [Read more](#)
- Muscat 2015 Event Press Coverage - [Read more](#)
- Interview with Chairman - Oman 2015 - Oman TV General - [Read more](#)
- Special FTTH Council MENA Report - Telecom Review Nov 2015 - [Read more](#)

WORLD FIBRE & RESEARCH NEWS

- CityFibre, which operates fibre-optic networks in UK towns and cities, has announced the conditional acquisition of national infrastructure assets from KCOM Group for a total consideration of GBP90.0 million (USD137.0 million). [Read more](#)
- Vodafone on Wednesday said that fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) must become the norm, not the exception, if Europe is to be competitive against the likes of Japan, Singapore and South Korea. [Read more](#)
- Gartner estimates that 1.6 billion connected things will be used by smart cities in 2016, an increase of 39 percent from 2015. [Read more](#)
- Digicel Jamaica is hoping to have passed 150,000 households with its new fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) networks by the end of this year, up from around 50,000 currently. [Read more](#)
- Hull-based ISP KC will reportedly look to halt offering copper-based broadband services once its 'Lightstream' branded fibre-based network is fully rolled out. [Read more](#)
- Vodafone on Wednesday touted the progress of its fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) deployment in various European markets, including the launch of its 1 Gbps service in Ireland and the expansion of its Portuguese network. [Read more](#)
- Fibre broadband JV launches services in first town in County Cork, offering services up to 1 Gbps. [Read more](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA    


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pages and start promoting the FTTH technology
and community.

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innovations, make yourself heard and stay
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Smart Cities-MENA

@SmartCitiesMena

Join our Committees Now!

Take part of its recognized activities. Members Only

Technology & Training Committee

chaired by Mr Gamal Hegazi, Alcatel-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.

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.

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.

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

EDUCATION SECTION

Workshops and Training

Take the right decision and make it happen!

Stayed tuned for our 2016 Workshops and Training programme, all will be announced soon in our [Education section](#) on our website.

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
- 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

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 info@ftthcouncilmena.org

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