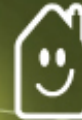


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Dear Readers,

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

**FTTH Training Level 2 - Network Design & Planning - March 24-27,
Dubai - Registration Deadline: March 5th, 2015**

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.

FTTH Power by FCGA - Learn more about the world of FTTH - Watch the Global FTTH news from Warsaw.

Learn more about the world of FTTH from FCGA leaders in Warsaw talking about the global FTTH power.



FTTH Council Global Alliance - FCGA



As 2015 Chair of the FTTH Councils Global Alliance, FTTH Council MENA was pleased to meet with FCGA members in Warsaw and discussed the latest progress and the next actions to empower its presence and create more awareness globally about the power of FTTH in the world of Fiber.

Watch in Video the interviews of FCGA leaders [Here](#).

To learn and receive more information contact the FCGA Chair Ms Christine Beylouni, Director General of FTTH Council MENA at info@ftthcouncilmena.org.

The ITU Regional Development Forum for the Arab States March 23-24, 2015 - Amman, Jordan



FTTH Council MENA will be participating in the ITU Regional Development Forum for the Arab States on "Broadband for Sustainable Development" and will be represented by Mr Faris Awartani, Member of the Board, who will be speaking in the second session on 23 March 2015.

The event is organized by the ITU with the collaboration of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Jordan and represent a great opportunity for high-level dialogue between the BDT and the ITU Members States and Sectors Members.

Mr Awartani will be discussing the NBN policies in MENA region for a sustainable broadband development.

To learn more contact info@ftthcouncilmena.org

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](#).

The 12th Convergence Summit - Arab Advisors Group June 1&2, 2015 - Amman, Jordan

FTTH Council MENA is pleased to announce once more its partnership with Arab Advisors Group to support and participate in the 12th Convergence Summit which will take place on **June 1 & 2, 2015** at the **Four Seasons Hotel in Amman, Jordan**.

To learn more about the event follow this [link](#).

SAVE The DATES! 29 November - 1 December 2015 - OMAN The 7th edition of FTTH Council MENA Conference & Exhibition

Save the Dates for the 7th edition of FTTH Council MENA Conference & Exhibition which will be held on 30 November and 1 December 2015 with pre-conference workshop on 29 November.

Speakers and exhibitors from all around the world will be showing the best of FTTH in the world of Fiber.

More information are coming soon. Keep on visiting our [website](#) or contact us at info@ftthcouncilmena.org

GOLD Promo

Upgrade Your Membership Now and get more Benefits.

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.

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
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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  **LinkedIn**

View our videos on  **YouTube**

Check our new [Smart Cities-MENA](#) twitter account
@SmartCitiesMena.

MENA FIBRE NEWS

- Algeria will be entirely covered with fibre-optic infrastructure by the end of 2015 as announced by Algeria's Minister of Posts, IT and Communications. Almost all of the municipalities in the country are already connected to the fibre network and those remaining will be connected this year. [Read More.](#)
- Maroc Telecom-backed Gabon Telecom is set to deploy a nationwide fibre-optic network, enabling it to introduce video-on-demand (VoD) services for end-user. [Read More.](#)

WORLD FIBRE & RESEARCH NEWS

- Russian national operator Rostelecom has announced that its fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) network was extended to an additional 6.6 million households during 2014, increasing its fibre footprint to 25 million homes. [Read More.](#)
- ArmenTel Armenia - Beeline has announced the launch of fibre-to-the-building (FTTB) services in the capital Yerevan with speeds of 10Mbps, 35Mbps, 50Mbps and 70Mbps. [Read More.](#)
- UK-based Gigaclear, an operator dedicated to building and operating fibre-to-the-premises

(FTTP) broadband networks in rural communities continue to expand its footprint and bring 'ultrafast' broadband to thousands of customers in rural areas where it currently owns and operates 17 rural fibre networks. [Read More.](#)

- TDS Telecom's push to bring fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) which has helped increase both its broadband and IPTV subscribers with plans to continue to extend its 1 Gbps-capable fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) service into various new markets. [Read More.](#)
- Mexican fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) provider TotalPlay will invest USD400 million in network expansions over the course of the next two years, as it extends its operational footprint to 22 cities. [Read More.](#)
- Hong Kong telco HKT is introducing a pilot 10Gbps fibre broadband service for residential and enterprise customers with a commercial launch planned for the third quarter of year where all premises within HKT's fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) footprint, currently comprising more than 80% of Hong Kong households, will have the opportunity to sign up for the ultra-fast fibre speed of 1Gbps. [Read More.](#)
- Liquid Telecom launches fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) services in Zambia, with the newly introduced product offering downlink speeds of up to 100Mbps where the service is initially available to around 8,000 homes and businesses in the capital Lusaka. [Read More.](#)
- Liquid Telecom Africa is aiming to connect 100,000 homes with 100Mbps fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) service by the end of the year with plans to expand to three additional states in 2015. [Read More.](#)

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.](#)

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.

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 Shahroui, 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.

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 info@ftthcouncilmena.org

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