MENA FIBRE

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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

SAVE The DATES! 9 - 11 November 2015- Sultanate of Oman
The 7th edition of FTTH MENA Conference & Exhibition

Save the Dates for the 7th edition of FTTH Council MENA Conference & Exhibition which will be held from 9 to 11 November 2015 in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.
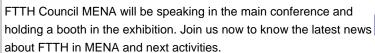
Discover what's new in this year event!

For sponsorship booking & speaking opportunities contact us at **info@ftthcouncilmena.org**

Join us in 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.

FTTH Council MENA will be speaking in the main conference and holding a booth in the exhibition. Join us now to know the latest news about FTTH in MENA and next activities.

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**.

FTTH Power by FCGA

The FTTH Councils Global Alliance are committed since 2011 to spread the message about FTTH in the world and show the power of fiber optics among the latest technologies.

To learn more about the FTTH Councils in the world contact the FCGA Chair Ms Christine Beylouni, Director General of FTTH Council MENA at info@ftthcouncilmena.org .

FTTH Councils Global Alliance
- FCGA -

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 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.

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

MENA FIBRE NEWS

- **FTTH Council MENA** conducted the FTTH Training Level 2 from 24 to 27 March 2015 in Etisalat Academy Dubai with 12 participants from around the region. The Council is committed to continue its workshops and training in the MENA Region to maximize the knowledge and education in Fiber Optics.

- Another initiative by **FTTH Council MENA** to promote the national broadband deployment through its speaking participation in the workshop organized by ITU in Amman on 23 & 24 March 2015. FTTH Council MENA and the ITU cooperation will help promoting the fiber infrastructure deployment in the region for a sustainable broadband development.

- Fiber Optics in Comex 2015 with the support of FTTH Council MENA. **Read More.**

- Omantel has announced earlier a project to introduce Fiber to the Home (FTTH) technology in Oman. The project has been implemented in many phases starting with main cities in different governorate. The company continues its endeavors to extend FTTH to the newly planned areas as alternative for the copper cables that were used in the past. **Read More.**

- Telecom Egypt plans to spend more than $400 million this year mainly on building a fibre network in the country. **Read More.**

WORLD FIBRE & RESEARCH NEWS

- Telco in Cayman Islands has concluded the rollout of its nationwide fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) network on schedule, following a USD30 million investment programme providing to all citizens access to speeds of 100Mbps. **Read More.**

- Kenya Liquid Telecom plans to use USD150 million loan to roll out fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) services in Kenya with already pilot projects started in few cities of the country **Read More**.

- Zimbabwean operator TelOne will be extending fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) high speed internet networks to new areas covering some 9,500 households in the country. **Read More.**

- The Indian government has rolled out fibre-optic links to 5,000 villages as part of its National Optical Fibre Network Project (NOFN) which aims to connect all 250,000 small towns with speeds of at least 100Mbps. **Read More.**

- The annual Broadband survey of Sweden's Post & Telestyrelsen (PTS, or Post and Telecom Agency) has been released for 2014, showing that 61% of all households and businesses in Sweden had access to fixed broadband speeds of at least 100Mbps at the end of October 2014 with fibre (FTTH/FTTB) broadband connections increased by five percentage points to 54%. **Read More.**

- Ireland's Eircom will launch fibre-to-the-home (FTTH)-enabled speeds of 150Mbps, 300Mbps and 1Gbps in the first 16 - of a planned 66 - locations by the end of August with 1Gbps FTTH service will launch on a wholesale and retail basis in August. **Read More**

- Costa Rica State-owned utility firm Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad (ICE), will begin selling fibre-based broadband to around 100,000 homes and businesses in September 2015 with new services to be offered over the Next Generation Access Network providing speeds

of 30Mbps-100Mbps to 20,000 premises. **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, 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

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

relevant topics of FTTH and Broadband policies.   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.

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