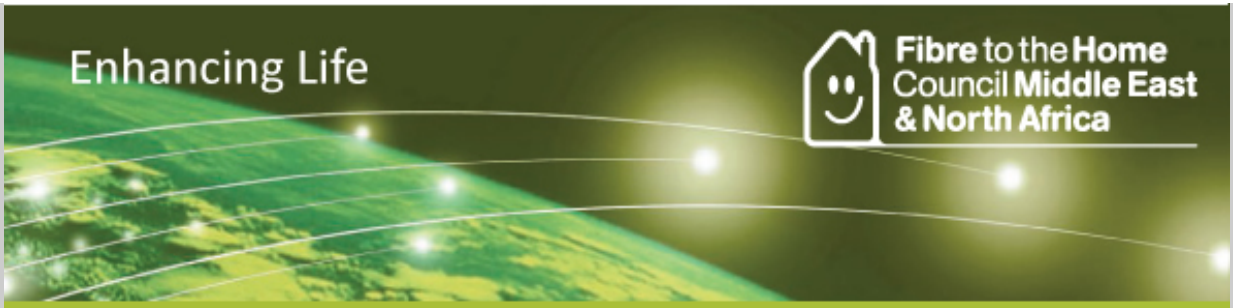

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Dear Readers,

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

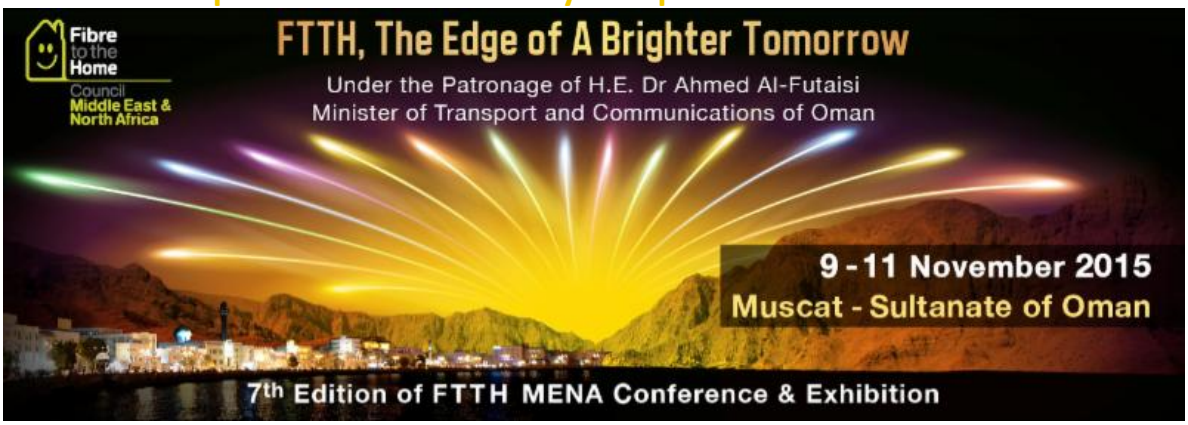
info@ftthcouncilmena.org

Sponsor & Speak @ the 7th edition of FTTH MENA event!

9-11 November 2015, Sultanate of Oman

You are invited!

Sponsor now and Book your Space in the Exhibition



FTTH Council MENA is pleased to invite you to participate in the 7th edition of its annual Conference & Exhibition which will be held **under the Patronage of H.E. Minister of Transport and Communications of Oman** from 9 to 11 November 2015 under the theme **"FTTH, The Edge of a Brighter Tomorrow".**

Submit your Paper Now!

and have the chance to speak in the 2 Day conference
Check the Call for Papers and Program Here and
send your abstract and bio to info@ftthcouncilmena.org

Join us in Oman

Enjoy the Exhibition and the netwroking opportunities and have the chance to show your products by being part of our 2015 exhibitors.

Discover Oman with an organized Roadshow to explore the beauty of the country with its Fibre infrastructure.

Learn with our Mini-MBA in FTTH pre-conference workshop!

Listen to the World Class speakers and presentations through the 2 Day conference with the hottest topics to learn more about th world of Fibre.

Join our Sponsors!

Gold Sponsor: Prysmian Group

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Event Partner: VenturaTeam

Media Partner: TELECOM Review

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

The 5th Annual FCGA meeting - Istanbul

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.

The 5th Annual meeting, hosted by FTTH Council MENA, was held in Istabul on 27 and 28 May.

Participants:
Christine Beylouni, FTTH MENA
Dr Suleiman Al-Hedaithy, FTTH MENA
Heather Gold, FTTH Americas
Juanita Clark, FTTH Africa
Hartwig Tauber, FTTH Europe
Wolfgang Fishcer, FTTH Europe
Nelson Saito, FTTH LATAM
Munasir Choudhury, FTTH APAC

All gathered and discussed the latest Fiber and broadband technologies along with the regional initiatives.

Stay tuned on our social media to explore and discover wha'ts new in the world through FCGA Power!

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

For more information about FCGA and direct links click Here.

FTTH Councils Global Alliance
- FCGA -

The Next Global 2015 FTTH events:
FTTH Americas: 29 June- 1st July, Anaheim - California
FTTH Africa: 27 - 28 October, Kigali - Rwanda
FTTH MENA: 9-11 November, Muscat - Oman

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**.

Mr Faris Awartani, FTTH Council MENA Treasurer and Board Member, will be speaking in the Infrastructure Panel on June 2nd to discuss the policies required to insure the necessary investments in infrastructure.

To learn more about the event and attendance follow this link.

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.

Like us on Facebook

Follow us on twitter

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View our videos on YouTube

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MENA FIBRE NEWS

- **FTTH Council MENA** organized the 5th annual FCGA meeting which was held in Istanbul, Turkey on 27 & 28 May 2015. An important meeting was held with the CEO of Superonline, Turkcell and local players to discuss further initiatives to be organized in Turkey.

- **FTTH Council MENA** is pleased to announce the Patronage of H.E. the Minister of Transport and Communication of Oman to its 7th edition.

- An official partnership has been signed between **OBC, Omantel and Ooredoo** Oman to use the Fiber network and deliver the best solutions to the sultanate. **Read More**.

WORLD FIBRE & RESEARCH NEWS

- French telecoms Orange has launched its fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) network in Saint-Malo, which is located in Brittany, the seventh largest administrative region of France with 10,524 homes. **Read More**.

- US operator AT&T is offering a new fiber footprint that can now deliver 1 Gbps services to multi-tenant office buildings in more than 180 cities in the United States which will support symmetrical 300 Mbps with the ability to scale to 1 Gbps. **Read More**

- Irish telecoms provider Eircom has revealed that it is deploying fibre broadband at a rate of

10,000 premises per week in its bid to win the government's upcoming National Broadband Plan (NBP) tender. **Read More**

- Indonesia (Telkom) service IndiHome branded fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) service is now available in 60 towns and cities across the country and continuing to strengthen the triple-play IndiHome service with the carrier's commitment to deliver fibre country-wide. **Read More.**

- Uruguay's national telecoms operator Administracion Nacional de Telecomunicaciones (Antel) has reached 550,000 households connected to the fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) network up from 500,000 in December 2014 with plans to invest USD1.112 billion in its operations by 2017, around USD727 million for the rollout and expansion of its FTTH infrastructure. **Read More.**

- Italian utility network Entel will use its infrastructure to install fibre-optic cables to millions of homes in Italy which will reduce the cost of laying fibre cable by a factor of five. **Read More**

FTTH MENA Market Panorama 2014 - Report 2014

Learn more about the latest FTTH market and figures in MENA with the FTTH MENA Market panorama for 2014. Visit our website to access the summary report and to receive the full report contact FTTH Council MENA Team.
Download the information **Here.**

The 9 Dimensions of MENA NBN Policies - Report 2014

The MENA NBN policies study describe the current status of NBN policies in the MENA region and 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 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.

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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