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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



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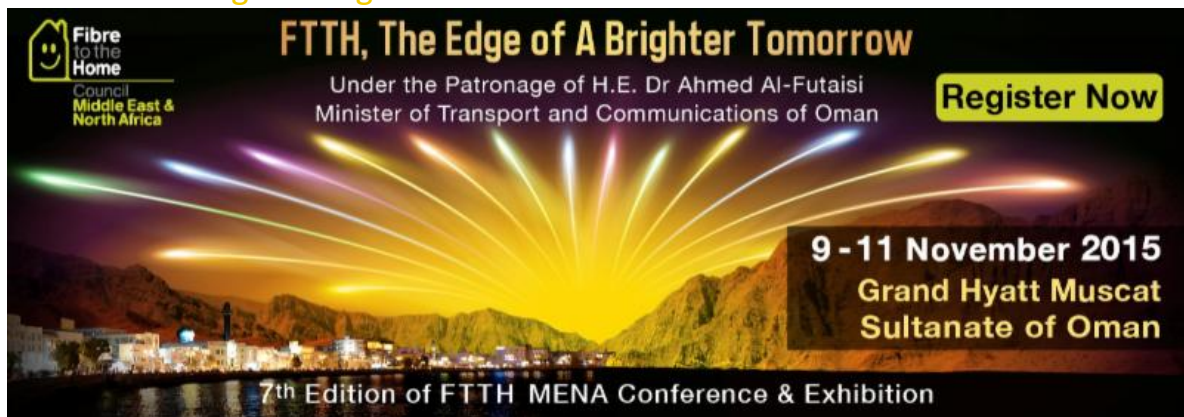
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November

2015, Sultanate of Oman

Registration is Now Open!

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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**".

Speaking Opportunities

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

Sponsor Now and join our 2015 Exhibitors!



Register online Now and Join us in Oman

- Enjoy the **Exhibition** and the **networking opportunities**
- Discover **Oman Roadshow** to explore the city and its Fibre infrastructure
- Learn with our **Mini-MBA in FTTH** pre-conference workshop!
- Listen to th world class speakers and presentations through the **2Day conference**

Advertising Opportunities

Sponsors and Members have the chance to advertise in its supplement of Telecom Review at special rates. The supplement is distributed during the event in Oman and in all the countries of the MENA region.

For sponsorship, Speaking and Advertising opportunities contact us at info@ftthcouncilmena.org

General Assembly 2nd Meeting 11 November 2015 - Muscat, Oman

Save the Date and book your seat Now! Members Only

The second General Assembly of the FTTH Council MENA will take place on 11 November 2015 in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman which will be held in conjunction of the 7th edition of the annual event.

Members can book their seats now by confirming their attendance to Ms Christine Beylouni, Director General of FTTH Council MENA.

Members will receive shortly the detailed information and agenda.

Interviews & Articles

by FTTH Council MENA Press - Media

Follow us in the Media

FTTH Council MENA latest news about the FTTH innovations are published in **Telecom Review** monthly magazine. Meet the leaders of the council from its board of directors discussing the FTTH technology and the future of Fiber optics.

Meet our Company board member **OFS** represented by its CEO Dr. Timothy Murray, who took the time to give us a view of the state of the world of fiber telecoms and the quickening pace of change. Interview published in April 2015 issue of Telecom Review. Click [Here](#) to read the article.

Meet our Company board member from **Alcatel-Lucent** represented by Pierre Chaume, vice president business development sales and strategy at the company who discussed the Gigabit projects worldwide. Interview published in May 2015 issue of Telecom Review. Click [Here](#) to read the article.

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

NEW! FCGA Web Page <http://www.ftthcouncil.info> SOON!

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.

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



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

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.

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Smart Cities-MENA

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MENA FIBRE NEWS

- Lebanon Government launches the **Lebanon 2020 Digital Telecom Vision** Now! FTTH Council MENA was invited to attend the launching ceremony on 1st July under the patronage of His Excellency Boutros Harb Minister of Telecommunications of Lebanon. FTTx projects in Lebanon are kicking off within this strategy. Check the strategy [Here](#).
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- Oman government has pumped huge investments in the telecom sector. At the national broadband strategy, which was unveiled by the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the government has allocated OMR450 million that will be pumped over the upcoming 10 years. [Read More](#)
- Iranian internet service provider (ISP) Iranian Net Company is to deploy fibre-optic FTTx broadband networks in seven of the country's largest cities, offering download speeds of up to 20Mbps. [Read More](#)
- FTTH Council MENA represented by Mr Faris Awartani, FTTH Council MENA Treasurer and Board Member, participated in the 12th Convergence Summit on 1 & 2 June in Amman, and discussed the policies required to insure the necessary investments in infrastructure in the Infrastructure Panel.
- FTTH Council MENA represented by Ms Christine Beylouni, Director General participated in the annual Conference of FTTH Council Americas in California on 29 - 30 June and discussed the latest FTTH figures and drivers in the MENA region in the Global Panel.

WORLD FIBRE & RESEARCH NEWS

- The deployment of IoT technologies is expected to connect an estimated 50 billion devices to the network by year 2020. Accordingly the ITU will provide through its special study group the specialized IoT standardization platform necessary for this convergence to rest on a cohesive set of international standards. [Read More](#)
- Sweden's rural broadband programme has been approved by the European Commission for the period 2014-2020, which sets out government plans to invest SEK3.25 billion (USD393 million) in subsidising high speed internet expansion across regions of the country considered commercially unviable. [Read More](#).
- Poland government is to receive PLN4 billion (USD1.07 billion) from European Union (EU) funds to help develop internet coverage in the country and offer under the state's Digital Poland programme, all households at least a 30Mbps internet connection by 2020. [Read More](#)
- Italian government is seeking approval from the European Commission (EC) for its proposed EUR7 billion (USD7.9 billion) rollout of fibre-optic infrastructure. The government's plan includes offering vouchers to

users migrating to new high speed networks, plus the use of other utility networks such as gas and electric to help speed up the deployment of new fibre technology. [Read More.](#)

- Irish fixed broadband provider Eircom will extend its fibre footprint to 1.9 million homes by 2020. The expansion plan will also cover 300 communities not currently served with high speed broadband. With speeds of up to 1Gbps becoming available via fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) technology. [Read More.](#)
- Lithuania's incumbent fixed line operator TEO LT, has boosted the maximum speed available over its fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) network from 500Mbps to 600Mbps and passing around 69% of households (837,000), up from 808,000 homes at end-March 2014. [Read More.](#)
- South African Octotel, a new telecoms operator is rolling out fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) infrastructure in the Cape Town suburbs in partnership with the community and local internet service providers (ISPs) using an open-access business model. [Read More](#)
- Thai quadruple-play group True Corp has a THB25 billion (USD740 million) two-year investment plan to establish its fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) network nationwide, with half the budget slated for network upgrades in Bangkok, and the other half to be used for modernisation in the provinces. [Read More.](#)
- America's top 10 biggest provider of fiber in the U.S. [Read More.](#)
- Canada' Bell is jumping into the 1 Gbps fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) plans to launch service in the Toronto market as part of a \$922 million investment in its last mile network. The new FTTH network will ultimately serve 1.1 million Toronto homes and businesses, with 50,000 premises set to get the service this summer. [Read More](#)
- Mexico's América Móvil plans to build a new \$50 billion fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) network. The telco is in the process of completing a five-year plan to build a 500,000-kilometer network that will support an enhancement of its residential service set with a focus on pay-TV services. [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, 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 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

PREVIOUS ISSUES:

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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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