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

Registration is OPEN! Register Online Now!

7th edition of FTTH MENA 2015 Conference & 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".**

Join us in Oman to:

- Listen to the world class speakers and presentations through the
3 Day conference & workshops
- 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!

Book your seat for the Pre-conference Workshops and Roadshow -
9 November 2015 - 09:00am
The Mini-MBA in Fibre to the Home and Next Generation Access
Re-appraise assumptions and consider afresh how to create future-proof digital infrastructures, building stronger operators and achieving economic and social benefits while limiting risk.

Last Chance for 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

Advertise Now and benefit from a wide visibility in the MENA region!
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.

Spaces are limited! Sponsor Now to join our 2015 Exhibitors!

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.

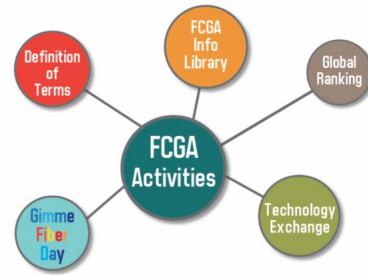Members will receive shortly the detailed information and agenda.

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 .

The Next Global 2015 FTTH events:
FTTH Africa: 27 - 28 October, Kigali - Rwanda
FTTH MENA: 9-11 November, Muscat - Oman

For more information about FCGA and direct links click Here.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The FTTH Council MENA welcomes it newest Platinum member **Ogero Telecom - Lebanon**

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.

MENA FIBRE NEWS

- Ooredoo Oman has introduced four new 'Superfast Fibre' plans as part of its suite of 'Home Broadband' fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) services. **Read more**.

- Algeria's new Minister of Post, IT and Communications, Iman Houda Feraoun, has disclosed that a new postal and telecoms bill will be drafted by the end of the year, Tout sur l'Algerie reports. **Read more**.

- Batelco, a leading communications solutions provider in Bahrain and Huawei, a leading

global ICT solutions provider, are delighted to announce a successful speed trial of a technology which provides up to 40Gbps speed. **Read more**.

- Leading telecommunications provider du is now offering the fastest broadband download speeds of up to 1Gbps in the country, for du Talk, Surf and Watch subscriber. **Read more**.

WORLD FIBRE & RESEARCH NEWS

- Spain's MasMovil has confirmed via an investor filing that it has finalised a deal under which it will acquire a number of fibre-optic assets from Jazztel. **Read more**.
- Bell Canada yesterday announced the official first-phase launch of its 1Gbps-capable direct fibre-based broadband service Gigabit Fibe, available to approximately 1.3 million homes in locations across Quebec and Ontario, enabling access to speed tiers of 15Mbps, 25Mbps, 50Mbps, 150Mbps, 300Mbps and 940Mbps. **Read more.**

- Hawaiian Telcom has been making strides with its FTTH rollout, extending service to a total of 175,000 homes in the second quarter. **Read more**.

- Orange Espana has successfully trialled a fibre-to-the-home-based (FTTH-based) service offering downlink speeds of 1Gbps via the deployment of XG-PON technology, the telco has announced. **Read more**.

- ArmenTel (trading as Beeline) has extended its fibre-to-the-building (FTTB) network in the capital, Yerevan, rolling out fast internet access in an additional five districts: Ajapnyak, Malatia-Sebastia, Kanaker-Zeytun, Arabkir and Shengavit. **Read more**.

- Volvo is working to make their make within the future of smart cities. The company has announced a pilot program of 1,000 XC90 models that are able to communicate with other smart devices. **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**.

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Meet the community people, discuss the latest innovations, make yourself heard and stay updated with the latest news and tweets.

Smart Cities-MENA
@SmartCitiesMena

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

Market Development & Intelligence

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.

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
- 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

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.

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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