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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"**.

The event will be inaugurated by His Excellency Dr Ahmed Al Futaisi, Minister of Transport and Communications of Oman. Furthermore, high level authorities from Oman and the International Telecommunication Union will be giving the keynote speeches at the opening ceremony.

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Register now and experience:

- High-level government and world-class speakers and presentations throughout **the 3-day conference and workshops**;
- the **"World of Applications"** area, showcasing new fibre-enabled services and applications;
- the **exhibition and networking opportunities** and have the opportunity to demonstrate your own products by being part of our 2015 exhibitors;
- the **pre-conference workshops**: Mini MBA in FTTH, The Technical Workshop: The Fundamentals of Fibre and FTTH Design and FTTH Planning and Design Automation Tools;
- Oman with an organised **Oman Road Show** to explore the beauty of the country and its fibre infrastructure.

Book your seat for the pre-conference workshops and Oman road show -

9 November 2015

All persons registered for the conference can also book their seat for the workshops sessions by sending an email to info@ftthcouncilmena.org

Read more on our [pre-conference workshops](#) or [Oman road show](#).

Visit the NEW World of Applications area

The ways fibre to the home, and the increased speeds it can deliver, enables new services and applications for both residential and business subscribers are in the spotlight in a the [World of Applications area](#).

A special session, on the first day of the conference, taking place in the World of Applications area will focus on the demonstration and discussion of some of these new services and applications, e.g. e-government, e-health, smart sensors, access control, smart payments, security, etc.

Advertise 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. For information and booking, please contact info@ftthcouncilmena.org

Enjoy the networking opportunities with our sponsors!



For registration visit our website www.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.

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.

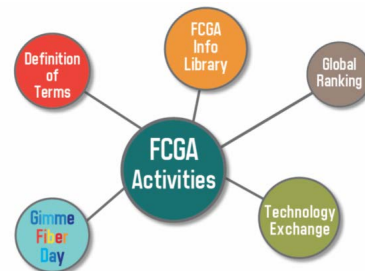
All councils are continuously working on empowering the Fiber technology and improving the FTTH documentation.

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](http://www.ftthcouncil.info).**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The FTTH Council MENA welcomes its newest Silver member **Opterna Inc**



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

The Technology & Training Committee of the FTTH Council MENA published a new white paper on FTTH Architectures and Evolution of PON and Point-to-Point. Download the paper [here](#).

- The Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) Council MENA has announced that it will hold the seventh FTTH Council MENA Conference in Muscat from 9th-11th November. [Read more](#).
- Oman's Information Technology Authority (ITA) and the government-owned Oman Broadband Company (OBC) have signed a deal to develop a high speed fibre optic backbone for the Oman Government Network (OGN). [Read more](#).
- Ooredoo Oman has announced the completion of its national fibre-optic backbone, which spans almost 5,500km, to provide high speed reliable connectivity to residential and businesses customers across the Sultanate. [Read more](#).

WORLD FIBRE & RESEARCH NEWS

- Polish fixed and mobile operator Orange Polska has revealed that it invested PLN740 million (USD196 million) in the first six months of 2015 expanding its fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) and Long Term Evolution (LTE) networks. [Read more](#).
- MNC Kabel Mediacom (MKM), a unit of Media Nusantara Citra (MNC Media), is looking to invest in its ongoing service expansion in the country with a view to signing up 50,000 fibre broadband users by end-2015. [Read more](#).
- During the annual Southern Africa Telecommunication Networks and Applications Conference (SATNAC), Maseko detailed that Telkom has already connected 38 000 homes to its own FTTH connections, and will have connected 400 000 by the end of next year. [Read more](#).
- The Obama administration unveiled a plan to invest \$160 million in smart cities research and partner with dozens of technology firms to deploy smart cities solutions. [Read more](#).
- The ITU's latest broadband report made for disappointing reading, as the UN telco body revealed it has missed its 2015 broadband targets and admitted those same targets are unlikely to be met by 2020. [Read more](#).
- US Ignite is excited to announce that it has been awarded a \$6 million dollar grant from the National Science Foundation to build a living lab of testbeds for smart gigabit applications in 15 communities throughout the country. [Read more](#).
- Time Warner Cable Business Class announced its deal with Harmony Public Schools (HPS) to supply fiber Internet providing 1 Gbps speeds, and managed security services to 46 campuses along with the HPS Central Office in Texas. [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](#).

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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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
- 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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