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# “Towards an Inclusive Digital Tomorrow”

American University of Beirut  
Engineering Lecture Hall

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## Day 1- Wednesday 28 November 2018

09:30-10:30

### Official Opening

Host Representative: AUB, Dr. Muhamad Harajli  
LIGF Secretariat Representative: Ogero, Ms. Zeina Bou Harb  
IGO Representative: ESCWA, Dr. Haidar Fraihat  
Civil Society Representative: Maharat, Ms. Roula Mkhayel  
Technical Community Representative: ISOC, Mr. Nabil Bu Khaled  
Chairman of LMAG: Director General Bassel El Ayoubi

10:30-11:00

### Coffee Break

11:00-13:30

### Capacity Building:

Introduction to  
Internet Governance

11:00-12:15

### WS1:

Balancing security,  
transparency and  
Privacy

WS2:

Inclusion in the digital world

12:15-13:30

### WS3:

Open Source  
Technologies for  
Digital Future  
Sustainability

WS4:

Advancing Multistakeholderism  
for LBDR

13:30-14:30

### Lunch Break

14:30-16:30

### Main Session 1:

From Access to Emerging Technologies

Hall: Engineering Lecture Hall

#### Description and Main Focus:

In today's world, Access to internet and use of new technologies are an essential part of development, like roads, electricity and other infrastructure. This session will focus on the broadband and new technologies' role in serving the Lebanese community and how Internet, networks and concrete solutions are key can contribute to that. During the past few years, we have seen numerous initiatives aiming at deploying Broadband and providing meaningful access to the internet for digital inclusion. At the same time, the application of Artificial Intelligence technologies is considerably increasing and significantly modifying our way of life, And Sensors distributed to several objects collect and distribute a huge amount of data over the Cloud. To make the most of what Internet has to offer an enabling environment, from investment to deployment and services roll-out, is needed.

#### Moderator:

Ms. Salam Yamout, ISOC Regional Manager, CS

#### Panel:

Mr. Ghassan Hasbani , Minister of Public Health, Gov  
Mr. Imad Kreidieh, Chairman – CEO OGERO, Gov  
Mr. Patrick Farajian, CEO Sodetel, TC  
Mr. Marwan Hayek, Chairman - CEO Alfa, TC  
Mr. Emre Gurkan, CEO Touch, TC



## Day 2- Thursday 29 November 2018

09:00-10:30

**Main Session 2:**  
Innovation and Technology for Development

**Hall: Engineering Lecture Hall**

**Description and Main Focus:**

With the goal of “leaving no one behind”, innovation and technology have been identified as essential for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that was adopted in 2015. From eradicating poverty, increasing gender equality, growing the economy and protecting the environment, innovation and technology are considered as main drivers of productivity and job creation, inclusive economic growth, and social well-being. The impact of technology is notable in improving human welfare, industrial efficiency, and environmental protection. Innovation and technology have become key to finding solutions to the most pressing and persistent social, economic and environmental needs and challenges communities face today. Emerging technologies such as Big data, Internet of Things, smart cities, artificial intelligence, 3D printing, online education, digital economy, renewable and efficient energy..., are currently shaping the world. This plenary session will discuss the links between technology, innovation and sustainable development from conceptual framework. The session will explore the social and economic dimensions of technology and innovation for development, with the focus on digital economy, education, youth, health, and social inclusion.

**Moderator:**

Ms. Nada Hamzeh, Social Media Specialist

**Panel:**

Mr. Nicolas Sehnaoui, Ex-Minister of Telecom, Gov

Mr. Omar Christidis, CEO & founder of Arabnet, BS

Ms. Marianne Karam, Lebanon Country Director, Digital Opportunity Trust, BS/CS

Dr. Pierre Gedeon, Hadath Branch director, Lebanese Canadian University, AC

Mr. Chafic Chayya, Regional Communications Manager, RIPE NCC, TC

10:30-11:00

**Coffee Break**

11:00-12:30

**WS5:**  
Data Governance in  
Smart cities

**WS6:**  
Government policies for  
Development

**WS7:**  
How can the access to  
information foster innovation

12:30-14:00

**Main Session 3:**  
Internet Governance and Human Rights

**Hall: Engineering Lecture Hall**

**Description and Main Focus:**

The UN Human Rights Council adopted recently in 4 July 2018, a new resolution on the promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet, which highlights online freedom of expression. The Resolution re-affirms that the same rights that people have offline must also be protected online, freedom of expression. This session will highlight 2 main pillars that are considered the core of human rights dimension of Internet Governance: Freedom of Expression Online and Access to Information. The discussion will focus on the necessity of the Lebanese government and non-state actors to ensure respect, protection and fulfillment of these rights.





**Moderator:**

Ms Layal Bahnam, Maharat Foundation, Program Manager, CS

**Panel:**

Ms Dima Jamali, MP, Gov

Mr Ghassan Mkhaiber, Human Rights Expert, AC

Ms Salwa Ghazwani, Article 19, MENA Director, INGO

Mr Tony Mekhael, Legal Expert, CS

Mr Riad Kobeissy, Investigative Journalist, CS

**14:00-15:00 Lunch Break**

**15:00-16:30**

**Main Session 4:**

E- transaction law, Laws & Regulations and Cybersecurity

**Hall: Engineering Lecture Hall**

**Description and Main Focus:**

- The actual regulatory situation and how the telecom services are provided and managed according to the applicable laws.
- The information security and fight against cybercrime situation and how it is managed and enforced according to the applicable laws.
- GDPR Application to operators outside EU.
- E – transaction law needs and opportunities to create an E- government Model in Lebanon.

**Moderator:**

Me. Charbel Chbeir Rapporteur of ICT BBA, CS

**Speakers:**

- HE Dr. Inaya Ezzeddine, Minister of Administrative Reform - OMSAR, Gov
- Judge Hania el helwe, Ministry of justice, Gov
- Col Albert khoury, Head of Cybercrime and Intellectual property bureau, Gov
- Mr. Gaby Deek, ISOC Lebanon, CS
- Mrs Zeina Aoun, Head of Cybersecurity at BDL, Gov

**16:30-17:00**

**Closing and way forward**

LIGF Secretariat

LMAG Chair