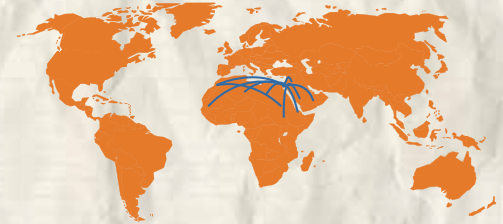


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Monday - December 12, 2011



08:00-09:30

*Registration*

09:30-10:30

*Inauguration*

*Welcoming remarks – (5' each)*

- HE Dr Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman of ASREN
  - HE Mrs Joanna Wronecka, Head of the EU Delegation to Jordan
  - HE Mr Basem Al Rousan Minister of Information and Communications Technology, Jordan
- e-Infrastructure video presentation – (3')*

*Invited – (15' each)*

- HE Dr Khaled Toukan, "e-Infrastructure based research: SESAME Case Study", Chairman of JAEC, Jordan
- Mr Kostas Glinos, Head of GEANT e-Infrastructures Unit, DG Information Society & Media-European Commission

10:30-11:30

*Opening Address – (5' each)*

- Dr Faeqa AlSaleh, Director, Directorate of Education and Research, League of Arab States
- Dr Sultan Abu-Orabi, Secretary General, Association of Arab Universities
- HE Dr Rowayda Almaaytah, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Jordan

*Invited – (15' each)*

- Mr Dave Lambert, "Highlights on the US Internet 2 advanced networking consortium", Internet2, USA
- Mr Niels Hersoug, "Experiences of Delivery of Advanced Network Technology to Europe", UK

*Signing Ceremony – (10')*

- Mr Ahmad Hanandeh, CEO ZAIN – Platinum sponsor
- Mr Sangsuk Roh, President SAMSUNG Electronics Levant CO. Ltd – Platinum sponsor
- ASREN new shareholders: TunisianCCK, SudREN, SomaliREN, PalestineREN

11:30-12:00

**Coffee Break**

12:00-13:30

*Trends in e-Infrastructure – Panel seated (10' each)*

- Dr Robert Klapisch, "ASREN as a tool to scientific cooperation in the Arab World", SKF, Geneva (Chair)
- Dr Anna Paolini, "Towards an era of e-Infrastructure", Head of UNESCO office, Jordan
- Ms Samia Melhem, "Best practice cases of eGovernment projects", Chair of e-Development, ICT Sector, World Bank
- Mr Ayman El-Sherbiny, "Regional Backbone Initiatives", Chief of ICT Policies, United Nations - ESCWA, Lebanon
- Mr Leonardo Flores, "e-Infrastructures in a regional context", European Commission
- Dr Fabrizio Gagliardi, "Cloud computing technology impact on e-Infrastructure for science", Microsoft, Geneva
- Dr Khédija Ghariani, "Trends in Communication infrastructure in the Arab region", Arab ICT Organization, Tunis

*Discussions (20')*

13:30-14:30

**Lunch**

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14:30-16:00

*Perspectives on regional e-Infrastructure – Panel seated (10' each)*

- Mrs Margaret Ngwira, "Enabling Researchers & Research Collaboration in Africa", UbuntuNet Alliance, Malawi (Chair)
- Dr Florencio Utreras, "RedCLARA2: An Advanced Collaboration Tool for Latin America", CLARA, Chile
- Dr Johnathon Chapman, "Enabling Inter-Institution Scientific Research", Internet2 – Emerging NREN Middle East SIG, Qatar
- Mr John Dyer, "Future of National Research and Education Networks", TERENA, Netherlands
- Mr Yves Poppe, "R&E Networking: essential for e-AGE nations and economies", CANARIE, Canada
- Dr Emad Al Huseini, "trends of e-infrastructures and research in Iraq", IC commission, Iraq
- Dr Salem Al-Agtash, "Towards a Pan – Arab e-Infrastructure", ASREN/ German-Jordanian University, Jordan

*Discussions (20')*

16:00-16:30

**Coffee Break**

16:30-18:00

*EUMEDCONNECT3, an enabler – Panel seated (10' each)*

- Mr Daniel Weiss, "EC activities and support in ICT in the Mediterranean region", Economic Cooperation, EC (Chair)
- Mr David West, "Regional network for Research and Education", DANTE, UK
- Mrs Federica Tanlongo, "Enabling Research collaboration: NRENs experiences in Europe and challenges ahead", GARR, Italy
- Mrs Aouaouche El-Maouhab, "Algerian research and education network", CERIST perspective, Algeria
- Dr Amjad Abu Zaid, "Palestinian research and education network", Ministry of ICT, Palestine
- Mr Redouane Merrouch, "Moroccan Research and Education Network, CNRS experiences", Morocco

*Discussions (30')*

*Closing remarks*

**Tuesday - December 13, 2011**

09:00-10:40

*Research Networking – Panel seated (10' each)*

- HE Dr Khaled Elshuraydeh "Priorities and Trends in Research", HCST, Jordan (Chair)
- Dr Sultan Abu-Orabi, "Overview on R&D efforts at Arab Universities", SG, Association of Arab Universities
- Dr Paul Lefrere, "Emerging Technologies and Infrastructures - anticipating user needs", Open University, UK
- Dr Anton Mangstl, "KM, ICT's for development and e-learning initiatives in the agricultural sector", GJU, Jordan
- Dr Jomana Amara, "Energy Security in a Turbulent World", Naval Postgraduate School, USA
- Mr Baher Esmat, "Internationalized domain names: opportunities for the Arab world", ICANN
- Dr Husam Al Olama, "Role of National Research Foundation in promoting research capacity", National Research Foundation, UAE

*Discussions (30')*

10:40-11:10

**Coffee break**

## Partners



11:10-12:50

### *e-Infrastructure technologies and applications – Panel seated (10' each)*

- HE Dr Isam Zabalawi, "The Role of e-Infrastructure in Reshaping Higher Education", AABFS, Jordan (Chair)
- Dr Antonella Fresa, DCNET, INDICATE Coordinator, "Towards a Digital Cultural Heritage e- Infrastructure", Italy
- Dr Mubarak Al Magzoub, "Research trends in the Arab Region", Federation of Arab Research councils, Sudan
- Dr Rainer Herpers, "Towards Open Source Software Communities", Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University, Germany
- Dr Mohamad Saraireh, "Center of Excellence for Library Services: Experiences", Yarmouk University, Jordan
- Dr Reinhold Poppek, "Sponsorship from companies for research and education in Germany", Poppek law firm, Germany
- Mr Aiman Mazahreh, "Integration of ICT services to build a better economy", STS, Jordan

*Discussions (30')*

12:50-13:40

### *LinkSCEEM-2 and High Performance Scientific Computing – Panel seated (10' each)*

- Dr Constantia Alexandrou, "Developing Computational Science in the EastMediterranean region", Cyprus Institute
- Dr Tryfon Chiotis, "HCP and Cloud Technologies in Greece and South Eastern Europe", GRNET, Greece
- Dr Fotis Karagiannis, "Towards Sustainable Computing e-Infrastructures across the Mediterranean ", e-Fiscal

*Discussions (20')*

13:40-14:40

### **Lunch**

14:40-16:10

### *EUMEDGRID-Support & CHAIN - Sustainability of e-Infrastructures Panel seated (10' each)*

- Dr Federico Ruggieri, "e-Infrastructure as means for advancing research and education", INFN, Italy (Chair)
- Dr Roberto Barbera, "Science Gateways and Identity Federations for wider use of e-Infrastructure", U Catania, Italy
- Dr Yousef Nusseir, "Regional Integration for Building the Information Society", Former Director, ESCWA
- Dr Ognjen Prnjat, "CHAIN eInfrastructure sustainability recommendations and existing sustainability guidelines", GRNET, Greece
- Mr Serkan Orcan, "Perspectives on the Turkish Research and Education Network, ULAKBIM Experience", Turkey
- Dr Mohamed Jemni, "e-Infrastructure for Inclusion of People with Disabilities", University of Tunisia, Tunisia

*Discussions (40')*

16:10-16:40

### **Coffee breaks**

16:40-18:30

### *ASREN: Towards developing Arab Regional e-Infrastructure – Panel seated (10' each)*

- Mr Yousef Torman, "the Jordanian Universities Network", JUNET/ ASREN, Jordan (Chair)
- Mr Dahir Hassan, "Perspectives on the Somalian Research and Education Network", Somalia
- Mr Sa'ed Awienat, "e-Infrastructure in Qatar", Qatar Foundation, Qatar
- Dr Ahmad Dabbagh, "ANKABUT experiences in the United Arab Emirates", UAE
- Dr Ayman Bahaa, "Experiences in Egypt University Network", Egypt
- Dr Mohamed Awad, "Perspectives on the Sudanese Research and Education Network", Sudan
- Mr Radi Fassed, "ASREN: Towards developing Arab Regional e-Infrastructure" ZAIN, Jordan

*Discussions (30')*

*Closing remarks (10')*



## Wednesday - December 14, 2011 \*

09:00-11:00

### *EUMEDCONNECT3/ ASREN Meeting*

- EUMEDCONNECT3 Project Manager's Report Project Overview – David West
- ASREN Progress Report – Salem Alagtash/Yousef Torman
- Partner presentations:
  - o Algeria – Mme Aouaouche El-Maouhab
  - o Morocco – Redouane Merrouch
  - o Palestine – Amjad Abuzaid
  - o Jordan – Yousef Torman

11:00-11:20

### Coffee break

11:20-13:00

### *EUMEDCONNECT3 Activity Reports – status and plans*

- Activity 1 Network Development and Transition – David West
- Activity 2 Applications support and promotion – David West/ASREN
- Activity 3 Capacity Building and Training – ASREN
- Activity 4 Financial Sustainability - ASREN

13:00-14:00

### Lunch

14:00-16:10

### *EUMEDGRID Support Meeting I*

- Introduction & Administrative Assessment – F. Ruggieri/INFN (EUMEDGRID-Support Project Director) (30')
- News from the Partners (round table) (40')
- EUMEDGRID-Support Detailed Work-Plan Update – M. Reale/GARR (Technical Manager) (30')
- CHAIN and ASREN (30) – S. Al-Agtash/Y. Torman (ASREN)

16:10-16:30

### Coffee Break

16:30-17:30

- WP2 – Communication & awareness creation – S. Garavelli/TRUST-IT (30')
- WP3 - Supporting technical application developments and users – R. Barbera/R. Bruno/COMETA (30')

## Thursday- December 15, 2011 \*

09:00-10:30

### *EUMEDGRID Support Meeting II*

- WP4 - Supporting EUMEDGRID e-Infrastructure sustainability – M. Reale/GARR (30')
- Plans for the Final Review (60')

10:30-11:00

### Coffee Break

11:00-12:30

- Next Meeting and follow-up activities (30')
- AoB (30')

12:30-14:00

### Lunch

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## Tuesday - December 13, 2011 \*

08:00-10:50

### *Internet2 SIG Meeting*

- John Chapman, "Introduction of Internet2 and Emerging NREN Middle East Special Interest Group", Georgetown University in Qatar
- David Lambert, "Internet2", USA
- Yousef Torman, "ASREN Developments", JUNet
- Alaa Al-Din Al-Radhi, "IPv6 & NREN", IPv6 Forum Jordan Chapter
- Sa'di Aweinat, "Qatar Foundation REN", Qatar Foundation
- Ahmed Dabbagh, "ANKABUT Update", ANKABUT

10:50-11:10

### **Coffee break**

11:10– 13:00

- Hatem Hamad, "Enhancing Shibboleth to Access Web Educational Resources More Securely", Islamic University of Gaza
- Said Al-Mandhari, "Research and Network Activities in Oman", The Research Council – Oman
- Yves Poppe, "Will 2012 be the year of Regional NREN connectivity?", Tata Communications
- Anil Srivastava, "Cancer Collaboratory and role of RENs in Middle East", Open Health Systems Laboratory, Johns Hopkins
- JJ Jamison, "GLORIAD: Middle East and North Africa", NREN Consulting
- John Chapman, Closing remarks

\* Meetings will be held at Four Season, 5th floor Room: FS I