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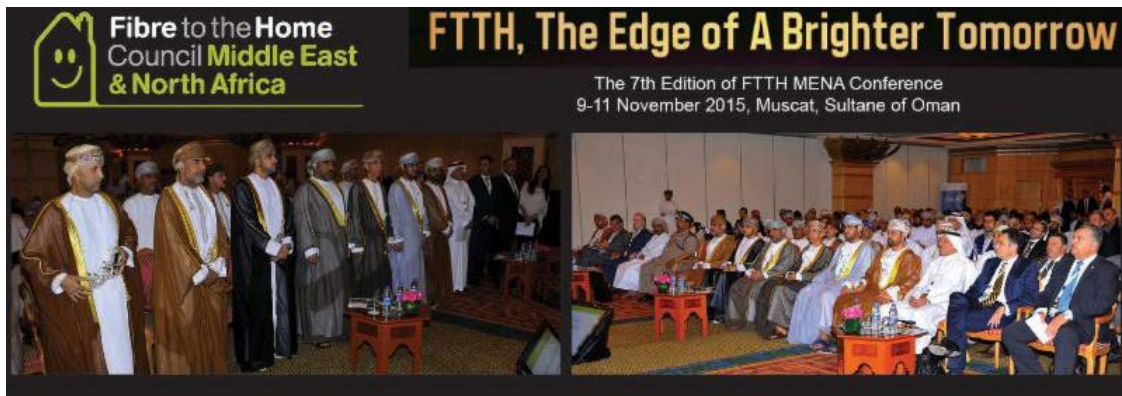
Dear Readers,

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

**Thank you for making the 7th edition of FTTH MENA 2015
Conference & Exhibition a huge success!**



FTTH Council MENA would like to thank all participants, sponsors and partners for making the 7th annual FTTH Council MENA Conference & Exhibition, with **350 delegates**, a huge success!

Special thanks to His Excellency Dr Ahemd Al-Futaisi, Minister of Transport and Communications of Oman for his Patronage and for our host partner OBC.

Check out the Resources section on our website for more information on the event:

-Download the Special Report -Telecom Review Supplement from the PRESS -MEDIA section

-Browse through the full media report in the Press Clippings section

-Read all related

Press Releases in the Press Releases section



Stay tuned for more post-event coverage, like pictures, interviews, etc.

All on www.ftthcouncilmena.org/resources

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For further details, contact us at info@ftthcouncilmena.org

Save the Date for the 8th edition!

Book your space now for Tunisia 2016 event



FTTH Council MENA would like to invite you to join the 8th annual FTTH MENA Conference & Exhibition in Tunisia in 2016.

Interested in sponsorship? Book your space now and get the priority for the best benefits!

Contact info@ftthcouncilmena.org for more information.

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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 2016 FTTH events:

FTTH Europe: 16-19 February 2016, Luxembourg



For more information about FCGA and direct links click Here.

New! White Papers 2015

Download all 2015 white papers here:

The FTTH Architectures and Evolution of PON and Point-to-Point - Technology & Training Committee- [Download](#)

Aligning Regulation with National Fibre Access Strategy - Regulatory & Policy Committee - [Download](#)

Selecting the Right Smart Services for a City - Smart Cities Apps & Ops Committee- [Download](#)

FTTH at the Heart of a Smart City - Smart Cities Apps & Ops Committee - [Download](#)

New! FTTH Market Panorama 2015

The annual **FTTH Council MENA Market Panorama Study September 2015** is now launched. You may download the summary presentation here and for more details contact FTTH Council MENA.

[Download](#) summary FTTH Council MENA Panorama Study September 2015

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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

- Oman plans to invest RO450 million (\$1.1 billion) over the next 10 years to modernise telecommunication services in all governorate, said the CEO of Oman's Information Technology Authority (ITA). [Read more](#)
- Saudi Telecom Company (STC) says it is making investment in enhancing customer experience, 4G network and FTTH expansion. [Read more](#)

WORLD FIBRE & RESEARCH NEWS

- The government of Mozambique has passed the first reading of a new bill to amend telecoms legislation to oblige operators to share their infrastructure. [Read more](#)
- The Altice Group has been linked with a plan to deploy fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) infrastructure in New York City, which is being seen as a bid to appease regulators ahead of its USD17.8 billion takeover of Bethpage, NY-based cableco Cablevision. [Read more](#)

- Norwegian broadband provider Altibox has announced a subscriber milestone, revealing that this week it has connected its 400,000th fibre-based broadband customer. [Read more](#)
- Fiber deployments to homes in the United States grew 13 percent in 2015, says the FTTH Council. [Read more](#)
- Italian fibre network operator Metroweb has revealed that it would consider entering a partnership with state-backed utility firm Enel. [Read more](#)
- Netherlands-based international telecoms group Altice has announced plans to accelerate the pace of its fibre build-out in both France and Portugal. [Read more](#)
- Verizon has transitioned customers in its Falls Church, Va., market from copper to fiber. [Read more](#)
- International telecoms group Digicel says it is preparing to invest more than USD100 million on the deployment of fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) infrastructure across Jamaica. [Read more](#)
- German telecoms giant Deutsche Telekom (DT) aims to offer its fibre-optic connections to an additional 2.4 million households during 4Q15. [Read more](#)
- French telecoms giant Orange Group has confirmed that, four months after its acquisition of alternative Spanish operator Jazztel, Orange Espana's fibre network now passes 5.2 million premises. [Read more](#)
- Orange on Thursday announced that it aims to reach 14 million households with its Spanish fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) network by 2020, building on an earlier target of 10 million homes by 2016. [Read more](#)
- Fibre-optic TV services have been launched in Poland by the Poznan-based company Evio Polska. [Read more](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay Connected with FTTH Council MENA's social world!

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Tweet, post, discuss, announce and debate on FTTH Council MENA's social networks

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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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