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Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th October 2011
Rotana Amwaj, Dubai, UAE

Review of key regional developments, challenges and trends

Hear detailed analysis from reputed telecoms law and regulation experts. You will discuss the hottest issues such as the regulatory framework, convergence, licensing, interconnection, user-generated content, harmonisation and infrastructure sharing.

Attend this event to:

- Gain a cutting-edge update on the most crucial developments in telecoms law across the region
- Review the significance of recent developments in relation to new data services, competition law, national broadband, licensing, net neutrality as well as data protection, and their practical implications on your everyday work
- Discuss best practice and practical challenges on how to apply current law and regulation effectively to drive sustainability
- Debate enforcement policies and enhance your compliance strategies
- Network with peers and leading experts

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Peter B. Burge, Director of Legal Affairs, Legal Affairs, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), UAE

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Sacha A. Dudler, Vice President Regulatory Strategy and Studies, Etihad Etisalat 'Mobily', Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

More speakers to be confirmed shortly

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Day one: Wednesday 19th October 2011

09:15 Registration and coffee
09:50 Chairman's introduction

10:00 Country focus: Update on key legal developments and challenges in the telecoms industry in various jurisdictions
  - Bahrain
  - Speaker to be confirmed shortly

  - Saudi Arabia
  - Simon Topping, Legal and Regulatory Advisor, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

  - UAE
  - Peter B. Burge, Director of Legal Affairs, Legal Affairs, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), UAE

  - Jordan
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  - Qatar
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  - Egypt
  - Speaker to be confirmed shortly

11:20 Q&A
11:40 Arabic coffee and networking break

12:05 National broadband issues: What has been done across the region?
  - How do operators best roll out their optical fibre in the region?
  - To what extent do regulators have powers?
  - License obligations
  - How do operators employ infrastructure and what's the impact on future market opportunities?
  - Contrasting fixed and wireless
  - Next generation access: Key issues
  - Comparison with other regions: What can be learned from other regions?
  - Practical challenges
  - Emanuele Vadilonga, Director of Regulatory Affairs - Southern Europe, LATAM and MEA, BT Legal, BT Global Services, UK

12:50 Lunch

14:00 Infrastructure sharing – an update
  - Recent developments
  - NGN infrastructure
  - Mobile infrastructure
  - Speaker to be confirmed shortly

14:35 Enabling next generation access: Reviewing developments across the region
  - Access and interconnection
  - Opening up networks
  - To what extent do you fund or otherwise assist incumbents?
  - How to access local networks?
  - How to regulate NGN core networks?
  - Practical challenges
  - Speaker to be confirmed shortly

15:25 Arabic coffee and networking break

15:50 Compliance with competition law issues in the telecoms sector
  - Review of competition law developments and policies in various countries:
    - Jordan, UAE, Qatar, Bahrain
  - Market definitions
  - Dominance and pricing issues
  - Enforcement issues
  - Practical challenges
  - Speaker to be confirmed shortly

16:45 Telecommunications regulations and competition law in the Middle East – key challenges
  - Discussing current legal and regulatory developments: What are the most challenging issues?
  - The application and enforcement of competition law across the region
  - The role of the super regulator
  - Market shifts and associated challenges: What is the impact on regulation?
  - The future of regulations: What happens next?
  - How to further enhance best practice?
  - Improving cooperation between operators and regulators
  - Mobile termination rates

Panellists include:
  - Meegan Webb, Manager - Legal and Regulatory, Supreme Council of Information and Communication Technology (ictQATAR), Qatar
  - Anneliese Reinhold, Senior Vice President – Legal, du, UAE
  - Peter B. Burge, Director of Legal Affairs, Legal Affairs, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), UAE

17:35 Chairman’s closing remarks
17:40 Close of day one

Day two: Thursday 20th October 2011

09:35 Registration and coffee
09:50 Chairman’s introduction

10:00 Regional overview: Dispute resolution practices in the Middle East
  - Comparing how disputes are being dealt with across the region
  - Formal and informal processes in the telecoms sector
  - Regulatory adjudication and private arbitration
  - Public policy and party autonomy
  - Judicial review and appeals
  - Precedent and transparency
  - Speaker to be confirmed shortly

10:40 Reforming the licensing regime
  - What is allowed and what is not allowed?
  - Different approaches: What liberalisation is coming up?
  - Enforcement of special terms in specific licences
  - E-communications and licensing issues
  - How to attract new players?
  - Practical challenges
  - Louay Abou Chanab, Principal, Booz&Co, Lebanon

11:20 Arabic coffee and networking break

11:45 Spectrum – mastering the digital roadmap
  - How to improve spectrum to support the latest mobile and wireless technologies
  - How to sort out the spectrum shortage?
  - Legal framework: Where do regulators see it going?
  - Licensing issues: New national policies for new sectors
  - Level of innovation and impact on regulation
  - Sacha A. Dudler, Vice President Regulatory Strategy and Studies, Etihad Etisalat ‘Mobily’, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
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- Update on legal and regulatory developments
- Harmonisation of regulatory practice
- Regulations and best practice
- Licensing and the authorities
- Convergence
- Legal framework for MVNOs
- Mobile content
- Driving sustainability
- Access and interconnection issues
- Next generation networks
- User-generated content
- Telecoms and broadcasting
- Broadband policies
- Infrastructure sharing
- IPR protection and enforcement

Key benefits of attending

- Keep up to date with the latest regulations and policies in the telecoms industry
- Gain cutting-edge insights through knowledge sharing and timely debates
- Discuss current contentious topics, complex regulations and crucial licensing issues
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