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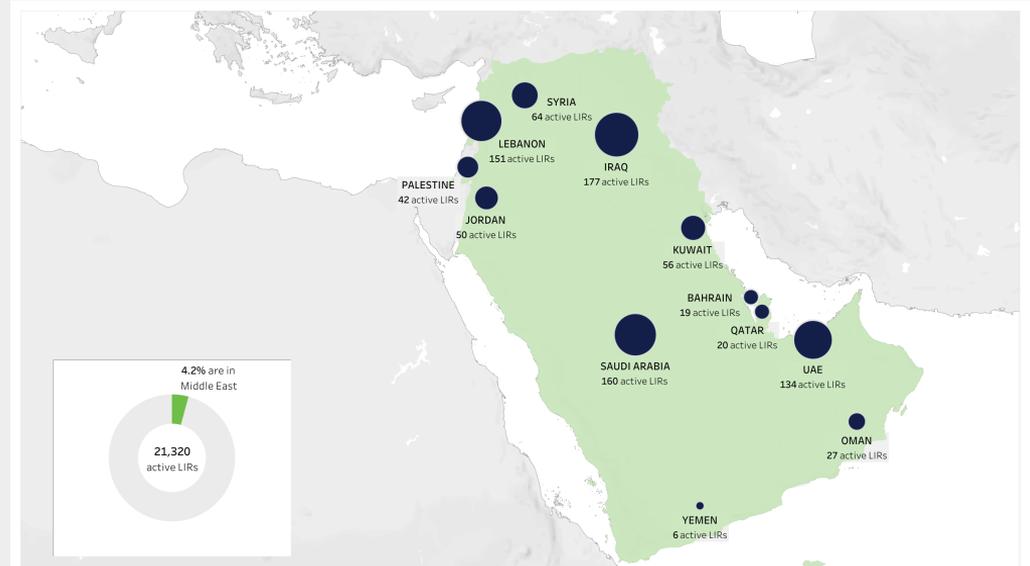
The RIPE NCC and The Arab Governments

A Successful Collaboration

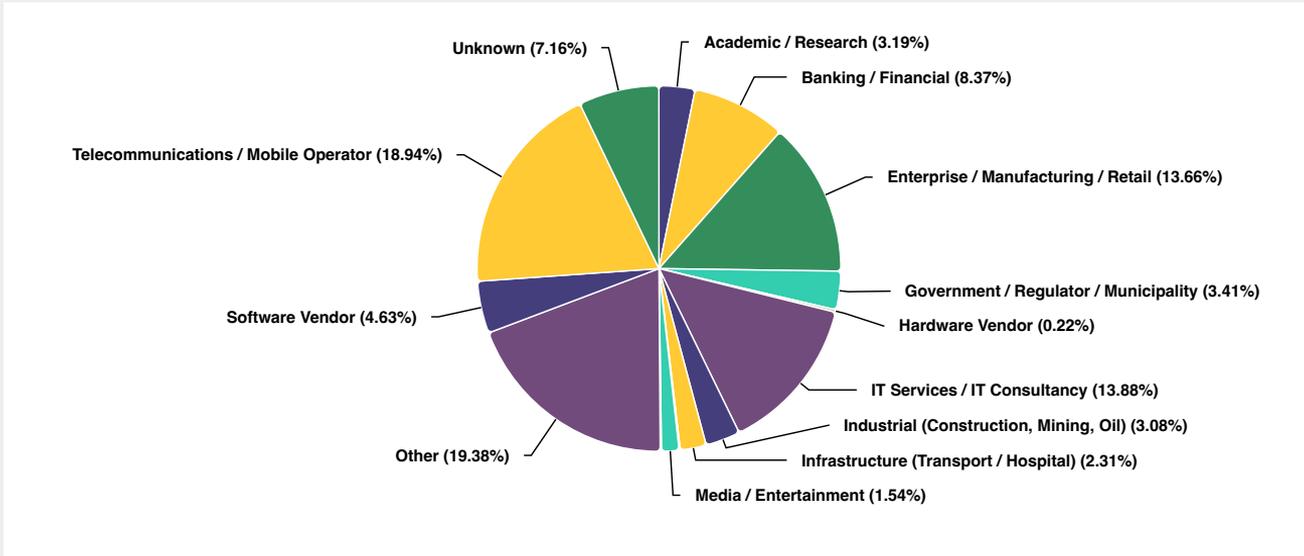


- The RIPE NCC operates in a diverse region that spans over 75 countries and has different political, regulatory, and cultural contexts.
- While Western Europe leans on bottom-up, community-driven governance, the Middle East and some other regions follow government-led, top-down approaches.
- Achieving our goals requires a tailored, respectful, and trust-based approach with the different stakeholders.
- The RIPE NCC adapts its engagement to foster meaningful collaboration with the different stakeholders, especially with governments in the Middle East region.

Bridging Governance Models, Building Trust



Membership Landscape: Governments Beyond a Single Category



In some parts of our service region, particularly in the Middle East, governments are not only regulators but also stakeholders or co-owners of major telecom operators and corporations



Governments and Regulators

The Successful Collaboration

Strategic Alignment in Action



Our work in the region is aligned with the RIPE NCC's strategic objectives





● Countries:

- United Arab Emirates
- Saudi Arabia
- Bahrain
- Jordan
- Qatar
- Lebanon
- Iraq
- Syria
- Yemen
- Oman
- Kuwait
- Palestine

● Who do we work with?

- Members (Mobile Operators, ISPs,)
- Governments, regulators and policymakers
- Academia and Researchers
- Financial Organisations
- Internet Exchange Points (IXPs)
- Technical Community (ICANN, ISOC, RIRs)
- League of Arab States
- ITU Arab Regional Office
- Regional organisations (ESCWA, SAMENA, GSMA)
- Arab organisations (AICTO and ARISPA)

● Engagements

- Meetings, training and workshops
- Joint Capacity Building Initiatives
- Government roundtable
- Reports and Statistics
- Professional Certification
- Arab Digital Agenda
- Arab Cybersecurity Strategy
- ITU Partner2Connect Initiative
- Public policy Internet-related issues
- Arab IGF and Arab high-level WSIS
- Internet Governance School

The RIPE NCC Government Roundtables



- Bahrain 2017
- Saudi 2018
- UAE 2019

The 8th Arab Government and Regulatory Authorities Roundtable Enhancing Internet Infrastructure and Governance for a Resilient Digital Future in Arab Countries

الطائفة المائدة الثامنة للحكومات والهيئات الناطمة العربية تعزير بنية الإنترنت والحكومة لمستقبل رقمي مرين في الدول العربية

19 November 2024 | Amman, Jordan الثلاثاء، 19 نوفمبر 2024 | عمان - الأردن



TDRA هيئة تنظيم الاتصالات والحكومة الرقمية
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL
GOVERNMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The Seventh RIPE NCC Government Roundtable for Arab Countries in the Middle East Region

Cooperation for Digital Infrastructures and Sustainable Internet Policies in the Arab Countries

الطائفة المائدة السابعة للحكومات والهيئات الناطمة العربية التعاون من أجل بني تحتية رقمية وسياسات عامة مستدامة للإنترنت في الدول العربية

The Ritz-Carlton, DIFC
21 November 2023
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

- Kuwait 2020
- Iraq 2021
- UAE 2022

Two MoUs with Regulatory Authorities



MoU signed online with the Saudi Regulator (CST) during the Pedamic (Riyadh & Amsterdam 2019)



MoU signed with the United Arab Emirates Regulator (TDRA) at RIPE75 (Dubai 2017)

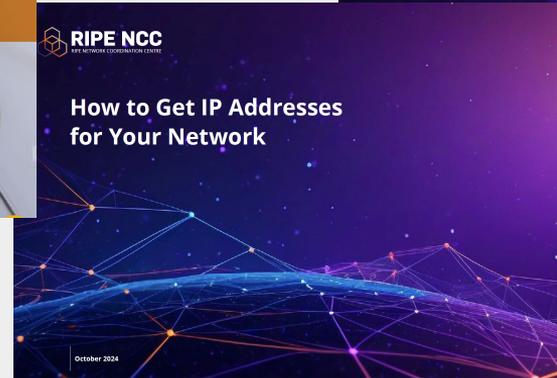
Efforts Recognised and Endorsed at the Highest Level!



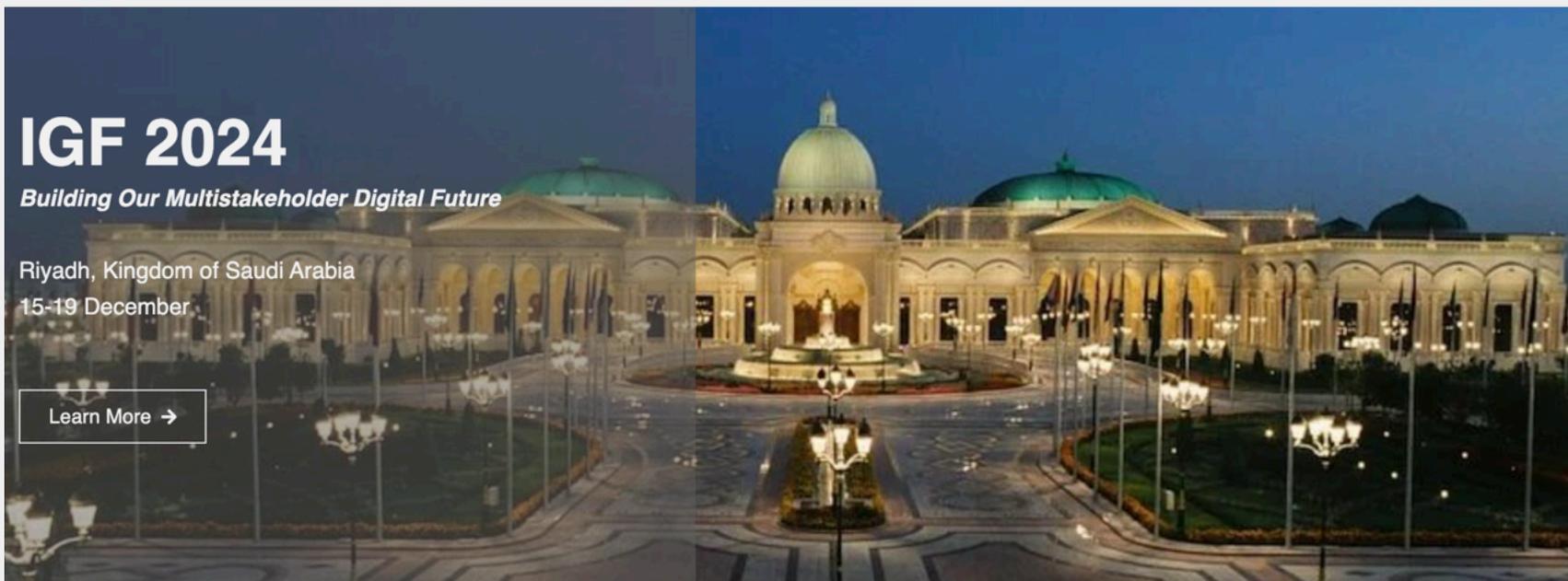
The Successful Collaboration between the RIPE NCC and League of Arab States (LAS)

- LAS resolution #645 dated 26/12/2021: The 25th meeting of the Arab ICT Ministers Council welcomes cooperation with the RIPE NCC and calls the Arab governments to collaborate with the RIPE NCC for the development of the Internet in Arab countries.
- LAS Resolution #768 dated 23/01/2025: The 28th meeting of the Arab ICT Ministers Council calls for implementing the RIPE NCC initiative to promote and utilise Internet measurement tools and continue developing the Internet's digital infrastructure

Reports and Publications



Successful Participation at IGF Riyadh



The first-ever session jointly organised by a government and the technical community (the Saudi regulator and RIPE NCC)...

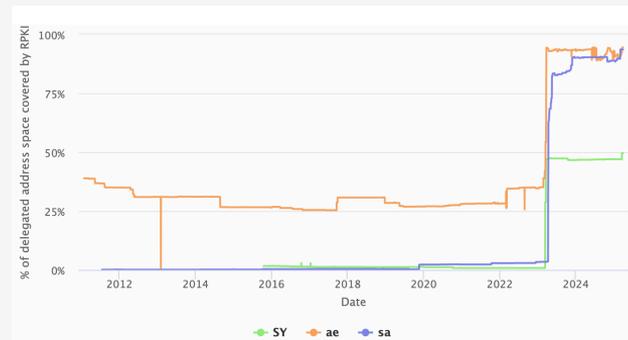
Pv6 MS Collaboration: A Path to Digital Inclusion in ME

<https://intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2024-day-0-event-58-ipv6-ms-collaboration-a-path-to-digital-inclusion-in-mena>



From Dialogue to Impact

- **A trusted relationship has been built between the RIPE NCC and Arab governments, leading to impactful outcomes:**
 - Enabled IPv6 and RPKI deployment.
 - Driven policy positioning on Internet governance and public policy.
 - Supported Internet development and connectivity
- **Strong coordination across different stakeholders reinforces regional priorities.**
- **Active collaboration across key platforms, including:**
 - National and regional initiatives (i.e Leb IGF, Arab IGF, SAMENA, and League of Arab States)
 - Global scene (i.e ITU events, WSIS+20, and the global IGF).



Council Working Group
on WSIS and the SDGs
Forty-second meeting - From 10 to 11 (a.m.) February 2025



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Contribution by Saudi Arabia

PREPARATION OF THE OVERALL REVIEW ON THE WSIS OUTCOMES:
WSIS+20 AND WSIS BEYOND 2025



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THANK YOU!