



## AGENDA

# Crossroads of Connectivity: Navigating the Middle East's Digital Future

30 October 2017 | 12:15 - 17:00 | Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre | Majilis Room

**12:15** **Networking Lunch presented by TRA UAE**  
Informal remarks by the UAE Telecommunications Regulatory Authority

**13:30** **Welcome & Introductions**  
Tarek Kamel, Senior Vice President and Senior Advisor to the President, Government and IGO Engagement, ICANN

**13:40** **Keynote**  
Osman Sultan, CEO, du

**14:00** **Session I: Trends in the Middle East's Digital Future**  
Expert panelists will describe how the Internet of Things, Smart Cities, and developments in Internet infrastructure will affect business success in the region. With representatives from Etisalat, DE-CIX, and CentralNIC

**15:15** **Coffee Break**

**15:30** **Session II: Embracing Technical Impacts in a Time of Rapid Change**  
Expert panelists will discuss how developing technical standards, in the Domain Name System and beyond, can confer business advantage to agile and strategic organizations. With representatives from ICANN, ISOC, and Microsoft

**16:55** **Closing Remarks: The Role of ISPs and Connectivity Providers at ICANN**