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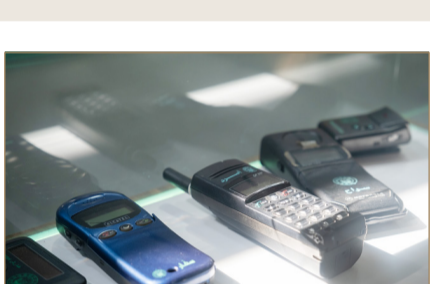
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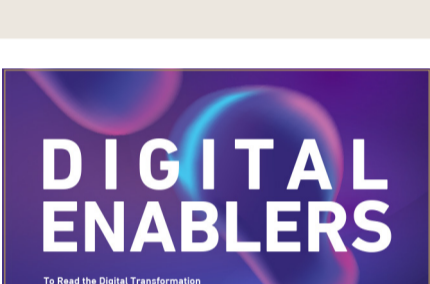
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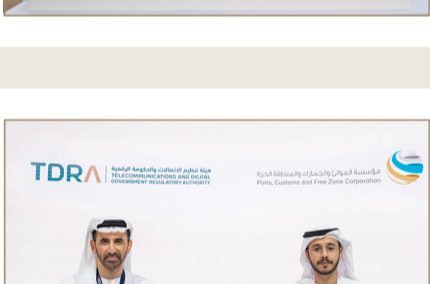
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## Appointment of Eng. Mohammed al-Ramsi as Chairman of WRC-23

Engineer Mohammed al-Ramsi has been appointed as Chairman of the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference, a move that reflects the global standing of UAE, particularly in the telecom sector—a pivotal force driving development across diverse domains. It further attests to the proficiency and capability of Emiratis in steering and presiding over major international forums and events.

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## TDRA Wins Award for Best Digital Outreach in the Middle East

TDRA was named Best Digital Outreach in the Middle East, as part of the yearly Telecom Review Excellence Awards. TDRA won this award in recognition of its outreach and awareness program through all channels available, particularly digital platforms. The award also acknowledges TDRA's active role in interacting with government entities, private enterprise, and society as a whole via digital platforms. This effort is part of a comprehensive plan devised to reach all segments of society and partners at both local and regional levels.

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## TDRA Organizes Network of Women in the Telecommunication Development Sector

TDRA, in cooperation with the ITU, organized a global ceremony to mark the Network of Women (NoW) in the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D). The event saw hundreds of women from participant delegations in the World Radiocommunication Conference 2023, representing 193 countries around the world.

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## TDRA Releases the Revamped Version of the Digital Participation Platform 'Sharik.ae'

TDRA unveiled the new version of the digital participation platform in the UAE, Sharik.ae, in line with latest concepts in digital participation, global best practices, and future requirements in this context.

Sharik.ae is the official digital participation platform of the UAE Government. It is dedicated to assisting government entities in implementing participation across its three stages: digital information, digital consultation, and digital decision-making.

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## TDRA Organizes Exhibition to Tell History of UAE's ICT Milestones

TDRA held an exhibition titled "Telecommunications in the UAE History", on the sidelines of WRC-23, hosted by UAE in Dubai from November 20 to December 15, 2023.

The exhibition tells the story of the ICT sector development in the country from before the establishment of UAE's union to date. It highlights key milestones by way of products and tools prevalent in each era, beginning with telex and vintage rotary phones and advancing through subsequent generations of mobile and smartphones.

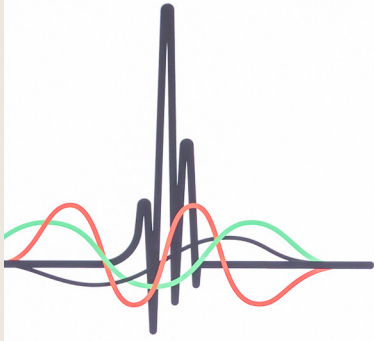
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## TDRA Issues the Digital Enablers Report 2023

TDRA has released the 2023 Digital Enablers Report, showcasing its collaborative efforts with partners in furthering digital transformation enablers and infrastructure in the UAE. The report also sheds light on relevant indicators and flagship achievements in this trend

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### Successful Closing of WRC-23

TDRA has officially concluded the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23), hosted by the UAE at the Dubai World Trade Center from November 20 to December 15, 2023. The conference has a crucial role in reviewing and updating the Radio Regulations and the international treaty governing the use of the radio-frequency spectrum and satellite orbits. The Conference saw over 4500 participant government officials from 193 countries and 900 international organizations, universities, and companies worldwide.

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## TDRA Signs MoU with the Ports, Customs and Free Zone Corporation in Dubai

TDRA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Dubai Maritime Authority (DMA) at the Ports, Customs, and Free Zone Corporation (PCFC), with an aim to enhancing organizational efficiency associated with doing maritime business.

The MoU establishes a seamless and unified procedure for acquiring the necessary authorizations for maritime vessels through the Dubai Maritime Authority. In turn, TDRA is focused on simplifying the issuing of wireless/radio equipment permits for recreational marine vessels exceeding 10.6 meters in length, in addition to all classes of commercial marine vessels operating within the territorial waters of the UAE.

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## UAE AI Gov Award

The Award aims to recognize federal, local and semi-government entities with top use cases in streamlining, expanding and optimizing government services through artificial intelligence (AI)-powered solutions.

Award categories includes:

- Smart cities
- Exceptional service
- Decision-making
- Operational efficiency
- Services for People of Determination
- Protection and security systems
- Best inspiring project
- Emirati-made AI

## The new law regulating media

The Federal Decree-Law No. (55) of 2023 (PDF in Arabic, 3.2 MB) on Media Regulation governs all media activities of individuals, organizations, media outlets, and media free zones in the UAE.

As per the decree, a media activity means any activity involving the production, transmission, distribution, printing and/or publishing of any media content, whether readable, audible or digital. Such activities may either be at a cost or free of charge.

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## Major solar energy projects in UAE

### Aldhafra PV2 Solar Power Plant

The world's largest single-site solar power plant. The 2-gigawatt solar photovoltaic (PV) plant was opened in November 2023. The Plant uses almost 4 million bifacial solar panels to generate enough electricity to power nearly 200,000 homes, averting 2.4 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions per year.

## UAE in the World Digital Competitiveness Ranking

According to the World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2023, issued by the World Competitiveness Center of the World Institute for Management Development, IMD, in the Swiss city of Lausanne, the UAE was ranked 12th amongst 64 countries reviewed globally, and 6th amongst 40 countries in Europe and MENA.

The UAE came 4th globally in the factor relating to technology. With its rank in the sub-factors as follows:

- 1st in Talent
- 8th in Regulatory Framework
- 3rd in Technological Framework

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## Industrial Decarbonization Roadmap

The Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology (MOIAT) charted the roadmap alongside strategic partners in the government and private sectors, in line with national efforts to meet targets of the UAE Net Zero Strategic Initiative by 2050, as well as abide by the third update of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Climate Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The roadmap comprises three phases as follows:

- The first phase aims to reduce emissions by 5% by 2030
- The second phase targets an emission reduction of 63% by 2040
- In the third phase, reduction is projected to reach 93% by 2050

## UAE Initiatives at COP28

At the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference or Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC, more commonly known as COP28, the UAE launched several initiatives to mitigate the effects of climate change and save the planet. The UAE pledged USD 100 million to the global fund for climate impact response.

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