



Promoting Economic Reform in Libya's ICT Sector

Private sector dialogue

Tuesday, 13 December 2022, 9:00 am – 13:00 pm
Eylyes space, Algorda Main St
Sabha, Libya

In the context of the [EU-OECD Project on Promoting Public-Private Dialogue in Libya](#), the OECD is organising a private sector dialogue on promoting economic reforms in Libya's ICT sector. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the main challenges facing the sector with the aim of identifying policy priorities for economic transformation and private sector growth. Participants will be asked to provide their views on various issues, namely on improving ICT costs and infrastructure, developing an effective business and regulatory environment, and digitalizing public services.

The EU-OECD Project on Promoting Public-Private Dialogue in Libya aims to support and encourage active economic and social dialogue between public and private sector actors by: 1) Creating a platform which mobilises public-private discussions through physical encounters; 2) Providing the government, private and social actors with the tools and expertise necessary to engage in a structured dialogue; 3) Contributing to developing a new economic vision for the country, delivering analytical inputs and well-structured and specific policy reform plans.

Format and guidance for the discussion

The discussion will be structured around three main challenges for the ICT sector. The discussion will be guided by an issues paper with a set of questions for participants and moderated by Tatweer Research. All participants will have the possibility to share their views through an open discussion.

Agenda

09:00 – 09:15 Introduction

- Moderator, Tatweer Research

09:15 – 09:30 Setting the scene

This working session will be moderated by Tatweer Research, who will facilitate the discussion between participants on the main issues and the expected recommendations from the meeting.

09:30 - 10:30 **Challenge I: Improving ICT costs and infrastructure**

Open discussion with private sector

Key questions for discussion:

- What are the main obstacles for developing ICT infrastructure and how can they be addressed?
- What are the main challenges impacting the quality and delivery of ICT services in Libya?

10:30 -10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45 - 11:45 **Challenge II: Developing an effective business and regulatory environment**

Open discussion with private sector

Key questions for discussion:

- To what extent do current regulations enable businesses to integrate digital technologies (e.g. data protection, e-signatures)?
- What policies are needed to enhance the competitiveness of Libyan ICT MSMEs and start-ups, to enhance competition and innovation in the sector?

11:45 - 12:45 **Challenge III: Digitalizing Public Services**

Open discussion with private sector

Key questions for discussion:

- What steps need to be taken towards establishing e-governance (digital identity, transparency)?
- To what extent are informational and transactional services for businesses, such as starting a business and conducting regular business operations, are available online?

12:45-13:00 **Key takeaways and closing**

This session will summarise the key takeaways from the discussion and the next steps as proposed and agreed by the participants.

- Moderator, Tatweer Research