
**3RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OIC BROADCASTING
REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FORUM
IBRAF**

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REPORT

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The 3rd Annual Meeting of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) was held in Marrakech, Morocco, on 19 and 20 December 2013.

Representatives from the Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities of the Member States of the OIC, from the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU) and from the African Communications Regulatory Authorities Network (ACRAN) participated to this Meeting.

The participants were welcomed by **Dr. Amina Lemrini Elouahabi**, the President of the High Authority for Audiovisual Communication (HACA) of Morocco, who made an opening speech. Dr. Elouahabi emphasized the importance of cooperation between Islamic countries in the media field and wished the participants a fruitful and successful Meeting.

Dr. Hamit Ersoy, Member of the Radio and Television Supreme Council of the Republic of Turkey and Secretary General of IBRAF, welcomed all participants and thanked HACA for accepting to host the 3rd Annual Meeting and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for having organized the 2nd Annual Meeting of IBRAF in October 2012. He also provided information on the activities of the Radio and Television Supreme Council of the Republic of Turkey and on IBRAF.

Dr. Riyadh K. Najm, the President of the General Commission for Audiovisual Media (GCAM) of Saudi Arabia and current President of IBRAF, welcomed the participants and recalled the previous IBRAF meetings and the common work done so far. He underlined the importance of the adoption of common standards in order to facilitate cooperation and cordial relations between societies of the Islamic area.

Dr. Abdelazim Youssif Dafa Allah, who represented the OIC in the Meeting, provided information about the studies of the OIC and invited all OIC Member States to join IBRAF to cooperate in the field of audiovisual media.

The Meeting was chaired by Dr. Riyadh K. NAJM.

The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted with three additions, namely the approval of new Members, the approval of the Action Plan for the coming year and the enhancement of the website of IBRAF. The agenda, as adopted, is attached as Annex I.

The representatives of the Member States made presentations, provided informations and exchanged views with regard to the progress and objectives achieved in the audiovisual sector in their countries, covering information on the national media landscape, the position of the regulatory authorities (or the governmental body with similar functions), the broadcasting legislation and the digitalization process.

The membership of Bahrain, Niger, Senegal and Mauritania in IBRAF was duly voted and unanimously accepted by all members.

Dr. Ersoy gave detailed information about IBRAF's website (<http://www.oic-ibraf.org>). He introduced a form in which all information regarding the state of affairs of the Member States' audiovisual media will be collected in order to facilitate an efficient communication between the Member States and to ease cooperation. In order to keep on improving the IBRAF website, a questionnaire will be distributed to the IBRAF members.

Detailed consideration was given to the national regulations and applications (smart signs, protective symbols, media literacy, Code of ethics...) on the protection of minors in the Member States. The presentations on the protection of minors were submitted to the IBRAF Permanent Secretariat to be posted on the IBRAF website for the benefit of all members.

The presentations and the relevant data are available on the website: <http://www.oic-ibraf.org.tr>. Dr. Ersoy announced that all countries can provide their presentations in their national language to be presented on the IBRAF website if needed.

Mr. Abdourahamane Ousmane, the Chairman of the Regulatory Authority of Niger and current Chairman of ACRAN, shared the experience of ACRAN and suggested the establishment of an Executive Committee and the adoption of an Action Plan.

Dr. Amina Lemrini Elouahabi underlined the importance of the new memberships and stated that IBRAF is still in its foundation stage. She proposed that a Committee could ease the work done from an Annual meeting to the next one. In addition, she insisted on the fact that IBRAF's website can encourage communication between members.

Mr. Salem Mashkour, representing the Regulatory Authority of Iraq, drew the participants' attention to the importance of exchanging information via the IBRAF website and the contact person and proposed to pay attention to common standards concerning the issue of the protection of minors, especially in the satellite broadcasts.

As part of the Action Plan, it was agreed to establish a Steering Committee (composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and the Secretary General) in charge of following up the work in between the Annual Meetings. In addition, every member of IBRAF is required to assign a focal point to facilitate and accelerate the communication between the Permanent Secretariat and the Members.

The delegations expressed their gratitude to the High Authority for Audiovisual Communication of Morocco for the hospitality and the excellent arrangements of the Meeting.

The participants welcomed the offer of the Head of the Delegation of Iran that his country, represented by the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB), will host the 4th meeting of IBRAF in the last quarter of 2014. The date and place of the meeting will be communicated by the IBRAF Permanent Secretariat.

The Kingdom of Bahrain voiced their intention to host the 5th Annual Meeting in 2015.

Dr. Amina Lemrini Elouahabi, the President of HACA, was unanimously elected as President of IBRAF. The outgoing President, Dr. Ryadh K. NAJM, was elected as Vice-Chair. Iran, accepting to host the next meeting of the Forum, is therefore automatically Vice-Chair for the coming year.

The participants also expressed their deep gratefulness to His Majesty King Mohammed VI for his High Patronage of this Meeting.

The participants of the Meeting adopted the present Report.

Morocco, 20 December 2013

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