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### Seasons Greetings

As the Holiday Season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and on those who have helped to shape our business in a most significant way. We value our relationship with you and look forward to working with you in the year to come.

We wish you a very happy Holiday Season, an Adha Mubarak; a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year filled with peace and prosperity!

#### Secretary General's Message

As we approach the end of 2007, we are able to look back on the accomplishments of the year. It has been another great year for IJMA3. As you will read in the coming pages, our membership is energized & active. ICT is serving as a source of dynamism, economic growth, and societal development around our region, and the efforts of IJMA3 and its members have been instrumental in driving this. Challenges will continue, but as long as we proceed with the spirit of enterprise and engagement that we have become known for, we look forward to an equally successful year next year. Please keep your comments, input and thoughts coming.

#### Major Events

##### 1. [The Global Public Policy Conference 2007](#)



was held in Cairo under the auspices of Dr. Kamel, Minister of Communications and IT in cooperation with the Egyptian Information Telecommunications Electronics & Software Alliance (Eitesal); & gathered more than 500 senior executives, government officials and policy makers...[Read More](#)

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was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and gathered more than 2,100 registered participants from civil society, government, business entities, international organizations and press. In total, 84 other events took place in parallel to the main sessions which were comprised of workshops; best practices forums, dynamic coalition meetings, and ...[Read More](#)

## [IJMA3 RESPONSIBILITIES](#)

### [Center For Excellence - CFE](#)

*Lebanon 24/04/2007*

In order to improve the technical and business skills of the national community and create a realistic chance for a better life in this area, the Center for Excellence was initiated in Bourj El Barajneh. The CFE is divided into various parts: PICTA center, Incubator center, conference room & administrative offices. In addition, the Incubator center... [Read More](#)

### [The Platform](#)

Following the July 2006 conflict that left the already staggering economy glooming, rebuilding remains incomplete. What needs pressing attention is upgrading the skills among the Lebanese youth and female demographics, and retaining promising youngsters / entrepreneurs who otherwise have limited foreseeable prospects. ...[Read More](#)

### [PICTA Centers](#)

*Lebanon 2006 & 2007*

As the conflict in Lebanon subsides & reconstruction begins, youth take center stage. Therefore, in order to allow the youth of Lebanon to thrive, not stagnate, during this difficult time, the PCA proposed to establish PICTA academies...[Read More](#)

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## **Connected Community Centers**

*Lebanon 2007*

The goal of the Connected Community Centers is to bolster community-owned economic and social development initiatives in Lebanon through the use of ICT platforms and investment. The first phase project will be implemented in the agreed five locations: Alma Chaab, Baalbek, Bint Jbeil, Bourj al Barajne, and Nabatiye. Phase one activities were designed for rapid start-up and ...[Read More](#)

## **Learn Assessment Awareness**

*Lebanon ( September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007)*

The Union of Arab ICT Associations (IJMA3) conducted a detailed survey in July 2007, determining integration of information and communications technologies (ICT) familiarity levels in ten schools across Lebanon. After examining the results, based on observations by administrative staff and teachers concerning ICT knowledge level in schools, the following proposal would fulfill the essential ICT equipment and support needs...[Read More](#)

## **ICT Activity Day Report**

*Lebanon ( August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007)*

The Union of Arab ICT Associations (IJMA3) in cooperation with Mercy Corps, Microsoft and the Lebanese Sporting Club, Bint Jbeil provided an ICT activity program for the teenagers of Bint Jbeil to help them overcome the negative consequences of the recent conflict. This activity day gave these teenagers a chance to interact with their peers in an amicable and non-threatening environment. ... [Read More](#)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Middle East IT Security Conference**

*UAE 12/12/2007*

The conference is widely regarded as one of the region's most prestigious information security events. MEITSEC is the must-attend event for anyone trying to keep pace with the ever- changing data security landscape. The conference will take place on November 12th and 13th, with training and workshops continuing on the...[Read More](#)

## **Cambodia Consumer Electronics Show 2008**

*Cambodia 24/01/2008 to 27/01/2008*

Cambodia's economy is growing fast at an average Of 9 to 10% p.a. over the last few years and the country has the potential to be the next Asian tiger. Cambodia Consumer Electronics Show 2008 is brought to you by popular demand to display your latest computer, telecommunication, AV & Multi-media equipment, technology and services. Do not miss this golden opportunity to tap this highly potential market. Call us now to booth your prime location... [Read More](#)

## **Iraq Defense, Security & Communications Summit**

*UAE 16/02/2008 to 17/02/2008*

The summit is organized to bring together the Government of Iraq and the international private sector to discuss the key issues in Iraq related to defense and security matters and to foster collaborative relationships so that the necessary international expertise can be applied to this important sector. The summit has already received confirmation of attendance from His Excellency Abdul Qadir Obeidi, Iraqi Minister of Defense...[Read More](#)

## **Technology and Language Learning from Theory To Practice**

*Cairo 01/03/2008 to 03/03/2008*

This annual symposium is held in Ain Shams University, Guest House and Cairo. This year's symposium represents a response to the age requirements. It is the CDELT mission to increase English language teachers' awareness of using technology, both to develop their own performance and to improve their learners' skills. The importance of this symposium is emergent from the dominance of using online courses, using technological aid, and even virtual classes ...[Read More](#)

## **Saudi e-Government Conference And Exhibition**

*Saudi Arabia 15/03/2008 to 18/03/2008*

Consumers in the Arab world are becoming more sophisticated technologically. The growth of internet used in the Arab world has forced governments and their organizations to admit and utilize the Internet as a delivery means. The conference will help the leaders of national e-Government initiatives to design the next steps in their e-Government strategies for modernization and innovation in public administrations, delivering citizen value...[Read More](#)

## **First International Conference on Technology, Communication**

*Kuwait 07/04/2008 to 09/04/2008*

The purpose of the first International Conference on Technology, Communication and Education (i-TCE) is to create a link for experts in the fields of education, technology and communication. It also aims at using the latest technologies in learning academics, research, applications and commercial levels. Moreover, the conference aims to be the rendezvous of researchers in the field world wide to exchange ideas and to enrich the subject... [Read More](#)

## **Project Rebuild Iraq 2008**

*Iraq 05/05/2008 to 08/05/2008*

Project Rebuild Iraq 2008: The 5th International Rebuild Iraq Exhibition: Your Gateway to a Reconstruction market worth more than \$100 Billion Dollars. Project Rebuild Iraq 2008 is going to be a high-profile event showcasing one of the most ambitious, investment-opportunity-laden reconstruction undertakings of your era. It's going to be the biggest, most comprehensive Iraq reconstruction event ever held... [Read More](#)

## **WCIT 2008 to be held in Kuala Lumpur**

*Kuala Lumpur 18/05/2008 to 22/05/2008*

Held once every two years on a different continent, the World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT) is the signature forum of the World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA), a consortium of 73 information technology (IT) industry associations that represents over 90% of the world's IT market....[Read More](#)

## **LATEST EVENTS**

### **Seizing Opportunities in a Connected World**

*UAE 04/12/2007*

Globalization has provided organizations with an opportunity to both contain costs as well as pursue new markets. For years now, outsourcing specific functions to workers outside their country has allowed organizations to reduce operational costs and increase profits. This conference will provide a detailed outlook of the Moroccan IT and telecommunications markets with. ... [Read More](#)

### **Middle East Spatial Technology Conference 07**

*Bahrain 10/12/2007 to 12/12/2007*

The 2007 Middle East Spatial Technology Conference & Exhibition is the fourth of a series of Conferences that began in 1998. The aim of the conference being the development of Geographic Information Systems and applications in the region. The conference title is changed to MEST 2007 (Middle East Spatial Technology Conference & Exhibition 2007) to reflect the immense development in this field, the conference will stretch beyond ... [Read More](#)

### **Algeria telecom 2007**

*Algeria 25/11/2007 to 28/11/2007*

The "Senior Executive Forum on Broadband Networks – Evolution and Perspectives" highlighted broadband technology developments, deployments, challenges, services and applications with particular relevance for the Algerian market. Four sessions were held on various broadband access technologies; broadband and wireless access for enterprises and the public; broadband and the Triple Play Services; and broadband for e-education...[Read More](#)

## **The 2nd Finance and IT Fair-Trade in Algeria**

*Algeria 25/11/2007 to 28/11/2007*

Second Financial Services & Technology Exhibition & Conference «Finance Tec 07 » was organized alongside Algeria's leading information & communication technology trade fairs "Djaz.IT" and "Alger telecom" at the Palais des Expositions in Algiers. No doubt, Finance Tec 2007 exhibitors profited from both the quality and the quantity of around 8,000 decision-makers, who attended Algeria's landmark ICT event every autumn since 2001...[Read More](#)

## **The First International Symposium Geo Tunis 2007**

*Tunis 15/11/2007 to 17/11/2007*

The Tunisian Association of the digital geographic information organized under the label "we establish our territory and we base the electronic administration on geomantic technologies" the 1st symposium "Geotunis 2007 taking the opportunity of: The twentieth anniversary of the change in order to rekindle its principles. The second anniversary of the world summit on information technology in the wish to provide digital solidarity process between peoples...[Read More](#)

## **IT Open Minds**

*Bahrain 13/11/2007*

IT departments are gradually opening the door to open-source software. Companies are finding that open-source alternatives can be easier to use and more reliable than proprietary products-and major vendors are starting to get the message. The event targeted business decision-makers and provide them with information and resources to implement Linux and open-source solutions in business infrastructures...[Read More](#)

## **IJMA3 organized a Two days Workshop**

*Lebanon 10/11/2007 to 11/11/2007*

The Union of Arab ICT Associations - IJMA3 - organized a two day workshop at the Palm Beach Hotel – Ein Al Mreisseh on November 10th and 11th for its staff. The workshop provided all employees with an overview of the organization's different activities, and allowed for success stories and project accomplishments to be shared between staff. Particular emphasis was placed on improving the organization's operations, and improving its business development capacities. Working sessions were also held with several of IJMA3's key partner organizations.... [Read More](#)

## **Recruter au Maroc**

*Maroc 08/11/2007*

A l'occasion de la 4ème édition du colloque GRH au Maroc, MCC a lancé le 1er Répertoire du Recrutement au Maroc. Date de parution: le 8 Novembre prochain à l'occasion de la Journée « **Recruter au Maroc** ». Le Répertoire du Recrutement au Maroc a présenté un panorama complet du secteur au Maroc et les principaux acteurs réseaux publics du recrutement...[Read More](#)

## **Shaam 2007 Exhibition**

*07/11/2007 to 11/11/2007*

SHAAM exhibition is one of the most important ICT specialized exhibitions, it is Syria's number one specialized exhibition in terms of presenting & launching the latest & the most important solutions, systems & software applications ... [Read More](#)

### **Afkar & Microsoft showcase electronic corporate governance in action**

*Qatar 01/11/2007*

Experts from Bearing Point, Microsoft, Afkar and oil & gas sector spoke in the seminar. The event came at a time while Qatari economy is witnessing an unprecedented growth, especially in the business development area. Public institutions and authorities are now increasingly reliant on information technology systems. This reliance has created a new working environment...[Read More](#)

### **Expotech 2007: The Palestine ICT Exhibition**

*Palestine 30/10/2007 to 01/11/2007*

Expotech offered exhibitors the right marketing channel to reach a wide spectrum of decision makers in the Palestinian areas including ICT specialists, businesspeople, and managers from different economic sectors. The exhibition was the right channel to deliver a targeted message about your product to the ICT community in Palestine and to increase the value of the company's brand and image... [Read More](#)

### **Fourth Annual Conference of Learning International Networks Consortium**

*Jordan 28/10/2007 to 30/10/2007*

Information Technology Association – Jordan in cooperation with The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Advisory Board held its 4th Annual Conference of Learning International Networks Consortium (LINC) in Jordan and Dubai this year. The Jordan conference, hosted by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah, was held at the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center...[Read More](#)

### **Second PICTA Graduation Ceremony**

*Lebanon 27/10/2007*

Beirut, Lebanon - 27<sup>th</sup> October -, 2007 – The Union of Arab ICT Associations and the Professional Computer Association of Lebanon (PCA) held its second graduation ceremony at the UNESCO on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2007 for its graduates from PICTA's centers in Bourj Al Barajneh, Bent Jbeil, Batroun, Marjoun and Qana. The ceremony was held under the patronage of the Minister of Education, Dr. Tarek Mitri in collaboration with Intel, Mercy Corps, ICTIDAR UNDP, and Microsoft...[Read More](#)

### **The e-Challenges e-2007 Conference & Exhibition**

*Netherlands 24/10/2007 to 26/10/2007*

An official Egyptian delegation participated in the e-Challenges e-2007 Conference and Exhibition due on 24-26 October, 2007 in the Hague city of the Netherlands. The Egyptian participation in the international event comes about within Egypt's strategy to set Information and Communications Technology (ICT) as a top priority for the State development. ...[Read More](#)

## **The Arab Innovation Summit**

*UAE 22/10/2007*

Success in strategic development cannot be defined solely by major achievements in these economic sectors. Other growth enablers must also realize similar achievements: human capital, productivity, innovation. Success in strategic development cannot be defined solely by major achievements in these economic sectors. Other growth enablers must also realize similar achievements: human capital, productivity, innovation...[Read More](#)

## **Ninth PICTA Academy Opening in Alma el Chaab**

*Lebanon 19/10/2007*

The launching of the ninth PICTA Center in Alma el Chaab is a result of the ongoing support and collaboration of the PICTA initiative partners, which include: United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Mercy Corps, International Executive Service Corps (IESC) funded by USAID, Intel, CISCO, Microsoft, Computer Associates (CA), Universal Knowledge Solutions (UKS), Booz Allen Hamilton, UNESCO, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Investment Development Authority of Lebanon (IDAL), Ministry of Economy and Trade, Ministry of Telecom, Office of the Minister of State for Administrative Development...[Read More](#)

## **Second Palestinian International Conference on Computer & IT**

*Palestine 01/10/2007 to 03/10/2007*

The 2nd Palestinian International Conference on Computer and IT (PICCIT 07) is a forum for scientists, engineers and practitioners to present their latest research results and applications in all areas of computer science, computer engineering and information technology. It included plenary lectures, oral presentations, workshops, and tutorials...[Read More](#)

## **IJMA3 Member News**

### **WiFi cannot compete with Femtocells for FMC voice**

*Algeria November 6, 2007*

Many telecoms professionals assume that dual-mode phones – devices that use WiFi in the home or office and the mobile network elsewhere – will be the focus of fixed–mobile convergence for voice. The dual-mode approach is certainly one possibility; it is being trialed particularly successfully by Orange, which sold 69, 000 Unit phones in the three months ...[Read More](#)

### **A new identity that reflects contribution to developing society technically**

*Bahrain November 6, 2007*

Mr. Mamoun Eregat, Manager of Business Development at Afkar, declared that the company today possesses a crystal-clear vision towards future, based on its accurate knowledge of clients' needs and how to benefit from IT in running business, in both: the public & private sectors alike... [Read More](#)

### **Bahrain will host Unesco's regional centre**

*Bahrain November 5, 2007*

The centre aims to develop capabilities for ideal exploitation of information technology and communications in the field of education, build national abilities and help establishments with the production of interactive digital teaching material in line with the requirements of the e-education era, most characterized by the internationally recognized future schools project of His Majesty the King Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa...[Read More](#)

### **Bahrain's economy may turn digital**

*Bahrain October 2, 2007*

The vision will enable the Kingdom to become a digital economy with knowledge, innovation and the speed of completing transactions through developed systems and national competent qualifications, continuously reacting to developments and building-co-operation bridges between the private and public sectors. The country is regarded as one of the region's unique countries in its e-readiness and IT infrastructure, a factor that helps to promote electronic services... [Read More](#)

### **Zain launches world's first nationwide WiMAX network**

*Bahrain September 29, 2007*

The Kingdom of Bahrain has set another telecommunications first with the launch Zain at home, the world's first nationwide WiMAX network. The technology liberalizes the fixed telecommunications market in the Kingdom for the first time and means customers at home can bundle together high speed broadband internet connectivity (up to 2 Mbps), fixed line voice and mobile services ...[Read More](#)

### **Egypt touts itself as next offshore outsourcing hot-spot**

*Egypt November 11, 2007*

Egypt is making a pitch to be the next offshore outsourcing hot-spot, claiming that its foreign language skills and low labor costs put the country in a strong position to compete with India and eastern Europe. AT Kearney recently ranked Egypt number 12 in a list of top offshore outsourcing destinations and while the country's share of the offshore call-centre market is still very small, analyst Data monitor predicts it will grow by 52 per cent over the next 12 months... [Read More](#)

## **License Award for a New Cables Network and Infrastructure in Egypt**

*Egypt October 22, 2007*

The license to build operate and maintain a Cables Network and Infrastructure. The international submarine cable and fiber optics network will be passing through Egypt, the Mediterranean and the Red sea to connect the Middle East and Asia with Europe. The agreement grants the Middle East and North Africa Submarine Cable Company (MENA) – a subsidiary of Orascom Telecom... [Read More](#)

## **Egypt wins First Award in International e-Content Contest**

*Egypt November 9, 2007*

Egypt won the first award in the e-Content Contest World Summit Award (WSA) 2007, in the category of e-learning with its leading CD program Hafs.Hafs program, which brought Egypt to the forefront of the competition, is developed to help users memorize and recite the Quranic verses using the relevant rules. The CD secured 20 juries' voices out of a total of 25... [Read More](#)

## **Iraqi Security Minister confirmed to lead delegation at key defense summit**

*Iraq November 12, 2007*

The forthcoming Iraq Defense, Security & Communications Summit received a further boost this week with the news that Iraqi Minister of National Security Affairs His Excellency Shirwan Al-Waili has formally confirmed in writing that he will lead a senior delegation of Deputies and Director Generals at the event. The summit, which will take place in Dubai on 16-17 February 2008, is organized to bring...[Read More](#)

## **AsiaCell postpones mobile service in Arbil**

**Iraq November 2, 2007**

The head of the AsiaCell's office in Arbil said on Thursday that the mobile service in the city, scheduled to start today, was postponed until further notice for "technical reasons. "AsiaCell's mobile service in Arbil was postponed until further notice for technical failure in the network with Korek Telecom," Othman Farag told the independent news agency Voices of Iraq (VOI)...[Read More](#)

## **AsiaCell starts service in Arbil**

*Iraq October 31, 2007*

AsiaCell will launch its services in the city of Arbil on Thursday, an official source from the company said on Wednesday; while a source from MTC Atheer said that the company will start its services in Iraq's Kurdistan region by the end of the year. "We will start our services in Arbil tomorrow and the company's subscribers in Iraq have reached three and a half millions since its establishment in 2000," Abdullah Hassan, official of the AsiaCell's...[Read More](#)

### **IT breakdown unnoticed for month \$38m**

*Iraq October 26, 2007*

The United States spent at least \$38 million (about Dh139 million) to give Iraq's government a computerized accounting system. No one noticed when it stopped working for a month, a report said. It was the latest in a series of reports from the special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction, Stuart W. Bowen Jr that detailed slow progress on some projects and waste and chaos in the management of another...[Read More](#)

### **Internet helps besieged Iraqis stay in touch with outside world**

*Iraq October 8, 2007*

Telephone calls are expensive and unreliable, said the 22-year-old graduate in German language, who makes around \$400 a month selling mobile phones to an ever-diminishing customer base. The UN refugee agency estimates that 4 million Iraqis have fled their homes since the US invasion of 2003. Two million have moved to other parts of Iraq and the rest abroad, mainly to Syria and Jordan. Thousands more are leaving their homes every day...[Read More](#)

### **Net Equalizer playing key role in developing Iraqi Internet**

*Iraq September 20, 2007*

Although best known for solving corporate and institutional bandwidth issues in the United States, AP connections' Net Equalizer technology is now playing a major part in the developing Internet industries in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Net Equalizer is the bandwidth optimization technology of choice for Black water USA in Iraq, Afghanistan's Afghan Wireless and Afghan Telecom...[Read More](#)

### **STS Implements IBM Infrastructure**

*Jordan November 27, 2007*

Amman - STS, a leading IT services and enterprise solutions provider in the region, announced its cooperation with Al Khayyat Group, agent for Peugeot, Mazda, Geely and Iran Khodro to employ IBM's infrastructure, hardware servers and storage to run enterprise Resource Planning solution (ERP) – a business management system that integrates all facets of the business...[Read More](#)

### **Cisco Selects Jordan as Launch Pad for Global Talent**

*Jordan November 19, 2007*

Furthering its goal to develop homegrown technical skills through education initiatives, Cisco® today announced the launch of its Global Talent Acceleration Program in emerging countries at a ceremony in Amman, Jordan. The event was presided over by H.E. Basem Rousan, Jordan's minister of information and communications technology; David Hale, U.S. ambassador to Jordan; and Wim Elfrink, Cisco's chief globalization officer...[Read More](#)

### **Establishing ESCWA Technology Centre for Development**

*Jordan November 8, 2007*

The Meeting was hosted at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and was inaugurated by HRH Princess Sumaya Bint El-Hassan, President of RSS. Participating on the part of ESCWA were Mr. Youssef Nusseir, ICTD Chief; Mr. Hratch Kouyoumjian, Consultant; and Ms. Hania Dimassi, Research Assistant. The focus of discussion at the Meeting was a report produced by ESCWA: Detailed Assessment of Regional Needs and Priorities and Identification of Implementation Mechanisms...[Read More](#)

### **PC Jordan honors LGE dealers and showcases**

*Jordan November 6, 2007*

PC Jordan, exclusive agent for LG Electronics digital media appliances in the Kingdom, recently announced that it experienced a 25% increase in its LGE digital media product range sales earnings this year. This percentage was calculated in comparison to sales earnings generated by PC Jordan during the corresponding period last year. The announcement was made at an event hosted ...[Read More](#)

### **Queen Rania hosts MIT-LINC Conference in Jordan**

*Jordan October 31, 2007*

Themed Technology-Enabled Education, A Catalyst for Positive Change, MIT's LINC Consortium brings together educators from around the world in a space which lends itself to the healthy exchange of ideas pertaining to e-learning and the effect it has on global communities. Over the years, educators have come to view LINC as a platform...[Read More](#)

### **Wataniya Telecom teams up with Cisco to deliver high-speed connectivity**

*Kuwait November 29, 2007*

Wataniya Telecom is set to maximize business continuity and deliver downtime-free connectivity by deploying a new Wnet Corporate Offering. Designed and implemented over Cisco infrastructure, the Wnet Corporate Offering includes Primary and Backup wireless Wide Area Network (WAN) solutions, which will enable Kuwait's red carpet telecom company to deliver secure and uninterrupted data, voice, video and mobility services, anytime and anywhere...[Read More](#)

## **Prime Minister Kabani follows up on ICT Projects with Microsoft**

*Lebanon October 9, 2007*

The Minister of Higher Education Dr. Khalid Qabbani held a meeting with the Director of the Microsoft Office in Lebanon Mr. Khalil Abdel Masih regarding "Informatics and the information tools available in schools". During their meeting, they tackled the informatics research projects and the obstacles they face during the implementation process... [Read More](#)

## **ESCWA Tackles Knowledge Network Strategies, Mechanisms & Tools**

*Lebanon September 5, 2007*

The meeting brought together stakeholders in the ESCWA region in order to reach a consensus on the strategies, mechanisms and tools needed to transform ICT access points into knowledge hubs and build a regional knowledge network. These strategies, mechanisms and tools will be implemented or used in the course of the project during the coming two years...[Read More](#)

## **GT Summit 2007 to discuss the new role of ICT**

*Morocco November 15, 2007*

A galaxy of decision-makers, and senior Government officials representing 12 Arab Countries will meet with the leading IT vendors & technology experts in the three-day summit. His Excellency, Engineer. Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansoori, Minister of Government Sector Department, who will inaugurate the summit will shed light on the main features of the federal government strategy for utilization r...[Read More](#)

## **Intel chairman brings digital transformation projects**

*Morocco November 7, 2007*

Intel Corporation is using computers and Internet technology to help bring Morocco's 33 million people into a modern digital age ripe with opportunity. "Morocco is at a crossroads in its economic development," said Intel Chairman Craig Barrett, who unveiled several projects aimed at extending digital inclusion to all Moroccans during his first visit to the North African nation. "Technology can help accelerate the country's economic prospects ... [Read More](#)

## **MarocOffshore.net : un Portail spécialisé dans l'Offshore**

*Morocco Octobre 18, 2007*

Le Maroc connaît actuellement une évolution spectaculaire dans tous les domaines et particulièrement dans les nouvelles technologies. Il offre désormais de réelles opportunités d'investissement et de traitement en Offshore, à en juger l'engouement confirmé des investisseurs étrangers pour le Maroc. Des grandes enseignes françaises prestigieuses comme ...[Read More](#)

## **U.S. Government Launches Participation in Expotech 2007**

*Palestine November 9, 2007*

For the first time, the United States Foreign Commercial Service (FCS) is hosting a booth at Expotech 2007, the largest Palestinian Information and Communication Technology (ICT) event of the year. The FCS has also recruited seven U.S. companies that are new to the Palestinian private sector to participate in the international ICT trade show, which is held in Ramallah at al-Bireh Municipal Halls. Expotech 2007 is also held concurrently in Gaza at ...[Read More](#)

## **Wataniya wins Tunisia case**

*Tunis November 26, 2007*

Wataniya, Qatar Telecom's national mobile telecommunications unit, plans to keep its 50% stake in a Tunisian mobile phone venture after winning an arbitration case against Orascom Telecom Holding, reported Bloomberg...[Read More](#)

## **Tunisia takes part in "Connect Africa" summit in Rwanda**

*Tunisia November 1, 2007*

Participants also expressed their desire to take part in the Tunis African forum "ICT4all" Tunis+2, which will be held in Hammamet on November 20 and 21, 2007 on the theme: "Public-private partnership as the lever of the development of the ICT sector in developing countries and Africa in general..."[Read More](#)

## **The focus on people, education and information technology is quite unique**

*Tunisia October 8, 2007*

The press conference concluded a two day working visit in Tunisia during which Mr Ballmer was received by President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. He also met with Tunisia's ministers of higher education and scientific research, education and vocational training, and communication technologies to discuss partnership between Tunisia and the US company...[Read More](#)

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