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VIRTUAL CONFERENCE (Gulf Standard Time / East Africa Time +1 / UTC +4): Wednesday 26 January 2022

12.20 Opening Address & Welcome

Aaron Boasman - Patel - Vice President of AI and Customer Experience, TM Forum

12:30 CxO Keynote Panel: The Network of the Future and the Future Telco

- Who are tomorrow's customers and what are the requirements for the network of the future?
- New business models & operating models: the roadmap to growth?
- 5G as a disruptor and the role of slicing and virtualisation: what are the implications for the network of the future?
- Open networking, programmability, and disaggregation: what does the mean for future telco?
- Hyperscale cloud providers and telcos: defining the relationship for future business models

Moderator:

Aaron Boasman - Patel - Vice President of AI and Customer Experience, TM Forum

Haihem M. Alfaraj - CTO, STC

Mohamed Al Marzooqi - Vice President Synergy & Operation Support, Etisalat Group

Neelesh Pratap Singh - CIO, Airtel Africa

Niall Norton - General Manager - Networking Software Division, Amdocs

13:00 Accelerating the journey to Zero Touch Automation

- The automation journey: moving towards zero touch
- Realising the on-demand promise of 5G, IoT & AI - critical use cases with proven benefits
- End-to-end automation: coordinated vision following data-driven automation
- Accelerating innovation on a Cognitive Automation platform

Carla Penedo - Cognitive Automation Offer Lead, Celfocus

13.20 5G & intelligent Edge - Unlock the value of your network through secure, intelligent automation

- Defining the 5G opportunity and the implications on network operations
- Operating at the Edge: What is the opportunity & how to embrace it?
- The role of automation in unleashing the 5G opportunity: Accelerating services, provisioning on demand and driving revenue
- Delivering enhanced quality of experience with a dynamic and distributed cloud model

Moderator:

Dalia Adib - Consulting Director, STL Partners

Hassan El Chami - Chief Technology Officer, Ooredoo Kuwait

Abdallah Nassar - Chief Engineering and Network Officer, Orange Cameroon

13.50 Network & Service Automation - Making the promise of 5G & Edge a reality

- The critical role of multi-domain end-to-end service and network orchestration
- Addressing operational complexities of multi-vendor, multi-technology networks and clouds
- Harnessing machine learning and automation to guarantee slice SLA, and provide competitive service experience differentiation
- Building tangible, real-life 5G & edge applications, services and use cases
- Unleashing innovative 5G & edge monetization possibilities

Ofer Farkash - Products & Solutions Marketing Director, Service & Network Automation Solutions, Amdocs

14:10 The intersection of Cloud, Edge, 5G, IoT and AI: The real growth opportunity?

- The search for growth: can telcos deliver?
- Enabling a sustainable, secure, data rich future: understanding the links between these technologies and how they can be mutually supportive
- Models for success and early use cases: 5G & EDGE applications, services and use cases
- The role of automation and orchestration to ensure service defined slices in the network
- Creating the right culture and environment to integrate these new technologies into the telco DNA

Moderator:

Amir Abdelazim - Former CTO, Asiacell Communications, Former CTIO, AirtelTigo & Millicom

Ryan Van den Bergh - Executive Head, Technology Architecture, Vodacom Group

Ayedime Amadi - Group Senior Manager Enterprise Architecture & Customer Channels, Group Technology, MTN

Vivek Chadha - VP & EMEA Head, Robin.io

14:40 Dynamic orchestration & intelligent assurance: paving the road to the intelligent, autonomous networks

- Driving end-to-end network automation and service orchestration across multiple domains
- Accelerating new service introduction and enabling new revenue streams
- Service fulfilment: Enabling new services and products to be ordered and deployed efficiently
- Transforming network and service performance through closed loop assurance and AI

Moderator:

Srushti Ghisad - Senior Manager, MEA Service Provider Markets, Omdia

Mostafa Essa - RAN AI and Data Analytics Distinguished Engineer, Vodafone Egypt

James Maitai - Networks Director, Safaricom

Marcin Nowak - Senior Solutions Manager, Comarch

15:10 **Analyst view and polls results**

Aaron Boasman - Patel - Vice President of AI and Customer Experience, TM Forum