IRAQ CONNECT SUMMIT
19 - 20 November 2026, Istanbul

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Event Agenda | Day One November 19, 2026

Theme: «Content, Cloud & Innovation in Iraq's Digital Economy»

09:00 - 10:00 AM	**Registration and Welcome Coffee**
Opening Session	
10:00 - 10:05 AM	Welcome Speech by Pro Events
10:05 - 10:30 AM	Keynote Addresses
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Official Opening Ceremony of the Exhibition and a VIP Tour

Session 01: Building Regional Connectivity: Iraq and GCC Telecom Leaders	
Time	Topic
11:00 - 12:00 PM	• The Express Route Project: Enhancing data transit efficiency • The strategic importance of Faw landing station for submarine cables • Opportunities and challenges surrounding submarine cable infrastructure • Regional competition and Iraq's potential to lead in high-capacity data transmission
Session 02: Infrastructure Investment - Building Iraq's Digital Backbone	
12:00 - 01:00 PM	• Expansion of fiber-optic networks nationwide • Development of Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) to improve internet efficiency and cost • Scaling up data centers and establishing *Telecom Towers* in underserves areas
01:00 - 02:00 PM	Lunch & Networking Session
Session 03: Cross-Border Transit & Cloud Hosting in Iraq	
02:00 - 03:00 PM	• LEO Sattelite Communications in Iraq: Licensing, Regulation & Market Opportunities • Strategic advantages of Iraq's geographic location for regional cloud services • Legal, logistical, and economic incentives to host *cloud infrastructure* in Iraq • Cross-border data flow and policy harmonization to support digital commerce and innovation
03:00 - 07:00 PM	**Scheduled One-to-One Meetings**

- Dedicated time for pre-scheduled B2B and investor meetings, allowing participants to explore partnerships, projects, and joint ventures.
- This segment is tailored for personalized dialogue between government representatives, technology leaders, telecom operators, and solution providers

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Registration and Welcome Coffee	
09:30 - 10:00 AM	Recap of Day 01 and Introduction to Day 02

Session 04: OTTs, CDNs & Local Content Hosting	
Time	Topic
10:00 - 11:00 AM	• Opportunities for Over-the-Top (OTT) media services and Content Delivery Networks (CDNs) • Hosting content locally to reduvce latency and data costs • Strategic importance of building local *data infrastructure* to support demand from streaming, gaming, and social platforms
Session 05: Cloud Services, Data Sovereignty & Compliance	
11:00 - 12:00 PM	• Government policies on data localization and sovereignty • Compliance frameworks for public and private cloud hosting • Regulatory environment for hyperscale cloud providers • Ministry of Communications (MOC) efforts to align with international best practices while safeguarding national interests.
Session 06: Mobile & 5G - The Road Ahead	
12:00 - 01:00 PM	• The upcoming 4th mobile license and what it means for competition and innovation • Private 5G networks, edge services, and enterprise use cases • A roadmap for spectrum allocation and rural 5G deployment
01:00 - 02:00 PM	Lunch & Networking Session
Fireside Chat: Vision 2030 - How Iraq Will Lead Regional Connectivity?	
02:00 - 03:00 PM	• In this strategic one-on-one conversation, representatives from ITPC and global telecom carriers will discuss Iraq's vision 2030.
Closing Session: The Future of Digital Iraq - Private Sector Voice	
03:00 - 04:00 PM	• Perspectives from ISPs, data center operators, and investors • Policy recommendations for accelerating digital transformation • Case studies of success and lessons learned in Iraqi Market
04:00 - 04:30 PM	Closing Remarks and Awards
05:00 - 08:00 PM	**Scheduled One-to-One Meetings**