



### **Press Release**

#### **MoU Partnership Signed between Samena Council and FTTH Council Europe**

On 8 February 2011 Samena Telecommunications Council and FTTH Council Europe signed a Memorandum of Understanding during the pre-conference dinner of the FTTH Conference, held in Milan on 9 and 10 February.

The dinner gathered speakers of the FTTH Conference, Board members and Committee chairs of the FTTH Europe Council, partners from the sister FTTH Councils as well as friends of the FTTH Council Europe.

Mr. Chris Holden, President of the FTTH Council Europe and Mr. Thomas Wilson, CEO and Executive Managing Director of Samena signed the MoU at the beginning of the ceremony and explained the objectives and the importance of this partnership.

From his side Mr Wilson explained the future plans for such collaboration in terms of FTTH homes passed and connections to be accelerated in the South Asia, Middle East and North Africa regions and the opportunities to create a bridge between Europe and the SAMENA region. In addition, he elaborated on the council's main theme for 2011 for broadband development in terms of policies and strategies.

Mr. Holden was pleased to state the FTTH Council Europe's interest in SAMENA's portfolio and values with regards to its well-known members in the region. Such bridge between both councils will help accelerate the deployment of FTTH through the voice of the industry and the mobile and fixed operators' demand.

Both councils' members will benefit from such partnership to have access to their information platform including studies and market research as well as to their yearly events.

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#### **About Samena Telecommunications Council**

SAMENA Council gathers an important number of members including the major operators of the region such as STC KSA, Etisalat, Omantel, Orange Jordan, Mobily KSA, QTel and others.

**About the FTTH Council Europe:**

The FTTH Council Europe is an industry organisation with a mission to accelerate the availability of fibre-based, ultra-high-speed access networks to consumers and businesses. The Council promotes this technology because it will deliver a flow of new services that enhance the quality of life, contribute to a better environment and increase economic competitiveness. The FTTH Council Europe consists of more than 150 member companies. [www.ftthcouncil.eu](http://www.ftthcouncil.eu)

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