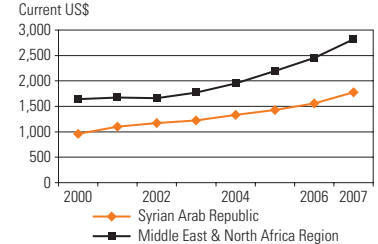




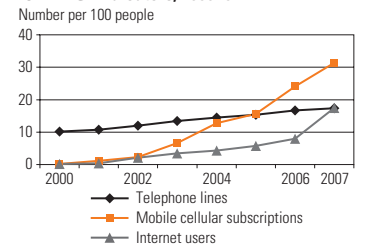
Syrian Arab Republic

	Syrian Arab Republic		Lower-middle-income group	Middle East & North Africa Region
	2000	2007	2007	2007
Economic and social context				
Population (total, million)	17	20	3,435	313
Urban population (% of total)	52	54	42	57
GNI per capita, World Bank Atlas method (current US\$)	960	1,780	1,905	2,820
GDP growth, 1995–2000 and 2000–07 (avg. annual %)	2.2	4.5	8.0	4.4
Adult literacy rate (% of ages 15 and older)	83	83	83	73
Gross primary, secondary, tertiary school enrollment (%)	57	65	68	70
Sector structure				
Separate telecommunications regulator	—	No		
Status of main fixed-line telephone operator	<i>Public</i>	<i>Public</i>		
Level of competition ^a				
International long distance service	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>		
Mobile telephone service	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>		
Internet service	—	<i>P</i>		
Sector efficiency and capacity				
Telecommunications revenue (% of GDP)	1.9	3.0	3.1	3.1
Mobile and fixed-line subscribers per employee	80	409	624	691
Telecommunications investment (% of revenue)	58.2	9.1	25.3	21.7
Sector performance				
Access				
Telephone lines (per 100 people)	10.1	17.4	15.3	17.0
Mobile cellular subscriptions (per 100 people)	0.2	31.3	38.9	50.7
Internet subscribers (per 100 people)	0.1	3.5	6.0	2.4
Personal computers (per 100 people)	1.5	9.0	4.6	6.3
Households with a television set (%)	72	105	79	94
Usage				
International voice traffic (minutes/person/month) ^b	2.0	6.6	—	2.7
Mobile telephone usage (minutes/user/month)	—	—	322	—
Internet users (per 100 people)	0.2	17.4	12.4	17.1
Quality				
Population covered by mobile cellular network (%)	50	96	80	93
Fixed broadband subscribers (% of total Internet subscrib.)	0.0	1.0	40.4	—
International Internet bandwidth (bits/second/person)	1	53	199	186
Affordability				
Price basket for residential fixed line (US\$/month)	3.3	2.4	7.2	3.9
Price basket for mobile service (US\$/month)	—	10.0	9.8	6.5
Price basket for Internet service (US\$/month)	—	13.7	16.7	11.6
Price of call to United States (US\$ for 3 minutes)	4.81	—	2.08	1.45
Trade				
ICT goods exports (% of total goods exports)	0.0	0.1	20.6	—
ICT goods imports (% of total goods imports)	1.3	2.5	20.2	—
ICT service exports (% of total service exports)	—	5.8	15.6	2.6
Applications				
ICT expenditure (% of GDP)	—	—	6.5	4.5
E-government Web measure index ^c	—	0.24	0.33	0.22
Secure Internet servers (per 1 million people, Dec. 2008)	0.1	0.1	1.8	1.3

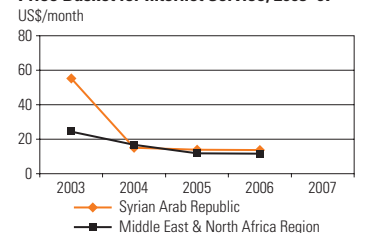
GNI per Capita, Atlas Method, 2000–07



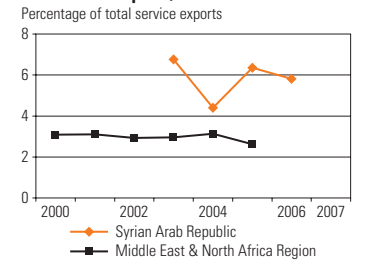
ICT MDG^d Indicators, 2000–07



Price Basket for Internet Service, 2003–07



ICT Service Exports, 2000–07



Sources: Economic and social context: UIS and World Bank; Sector structure: ITU; Sector efficiency and capacity: ITU and World Bank; Sector performance: Global Insight/WITSA, IMF, ITU, Netcraft, UN Comtrade, UNDESA, UNPAN, Wireless Intelligence and World Bank. Produced by the Global Information and Communication Technologies Department and the Development Economics Data Group. For complete information, see Definitions and Data Sources.

Notes: Use of italics in the column entries indicates years other than those specified. — Not available. GDP = gross domestic product; GNI = gross national income; ICT = information and communication technology; and MDG = Millennium Development Goal.

a. C = competition; M = monopoly; and P = partial competition. **b.** Outgoing and incoming. **c.** Scale of 0–1, where 1 = highest presence. **d.** Millennium Development Goal indicators 8.14, 8.15, and 8.16.