**E-GOVERNMENT READINESS** THE PERFORMANCE OF THE OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES

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#### Introduction

- No uniform definition for e-government
- Different e-government definitions by various relevant international organisations
- In short, e-government is one aspect of digital government which includes the broad use of all information and communication technology (ICT) tools in delivering services of the public sector

# **E-Government Readiness**

- Measure of the quality of a country's ICT infrastructure and the ability of its consumers, businesses and governments to use ICT to their benefit
- Three main data providers for benchmarking
  - UN Public Administration Network (UNPAN)
  - IBM Institute for Business Value in cooperation with the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), and
  - Brookings Institution

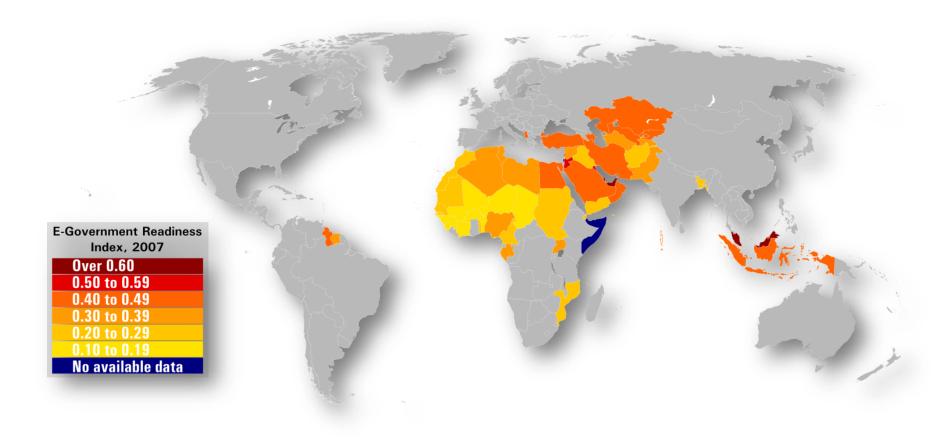
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- □ A composite index comprising three sub-indices:
  - Web Measurement Index (WMI)
  - Telecommunication Infrastructure Index (TII), and
  - Human Capital Index (HCI)

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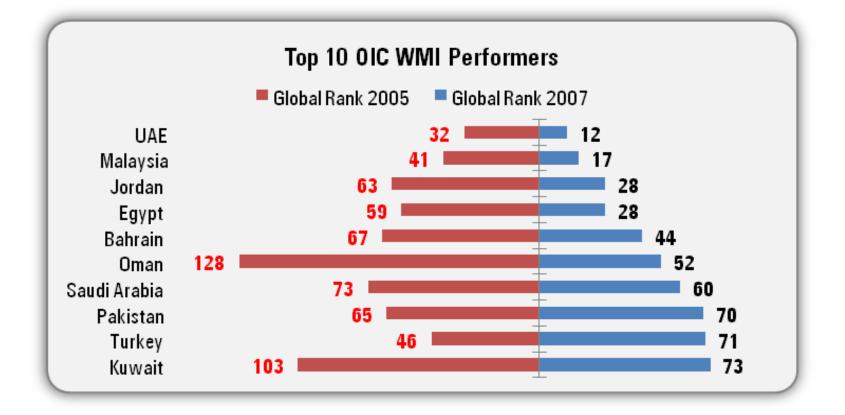
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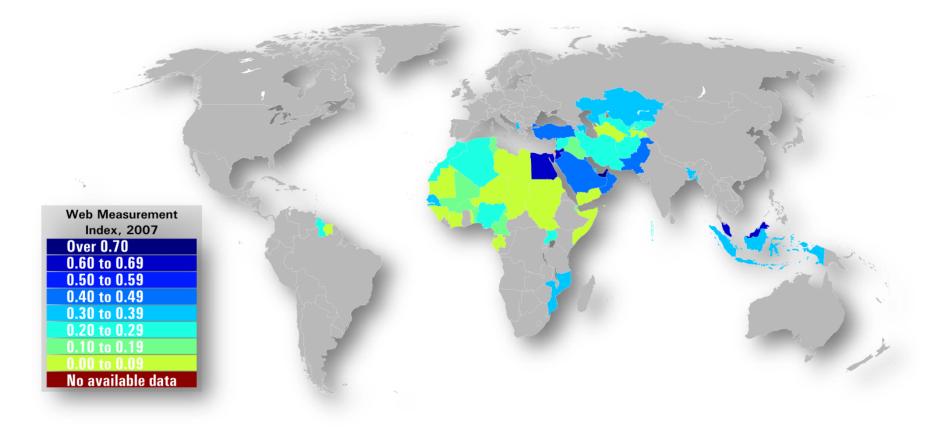
# Web Measurement Index (WMI)

- Ability and capacity of governments to deliver online services to their citizens by assessing the websites of ministries of health, education, welfare, labour and finance of the country by considering a five-stage model:
  - Stage I Emerging, Stage II Enhanced, Stage III Interactive, Stage IV – Transactional, Stage V – Connected

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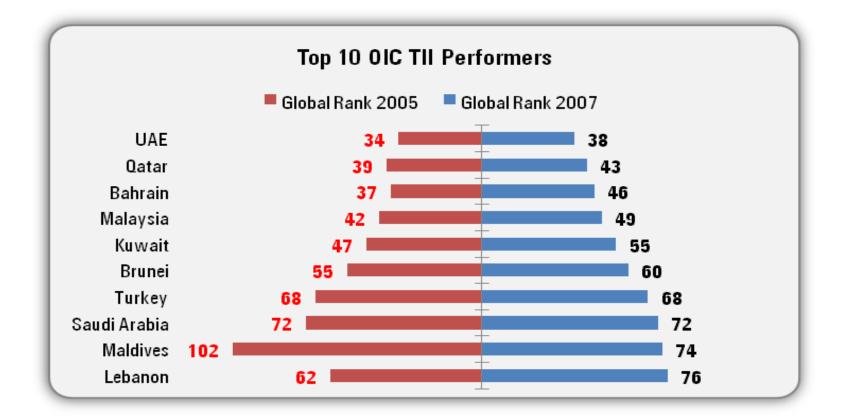


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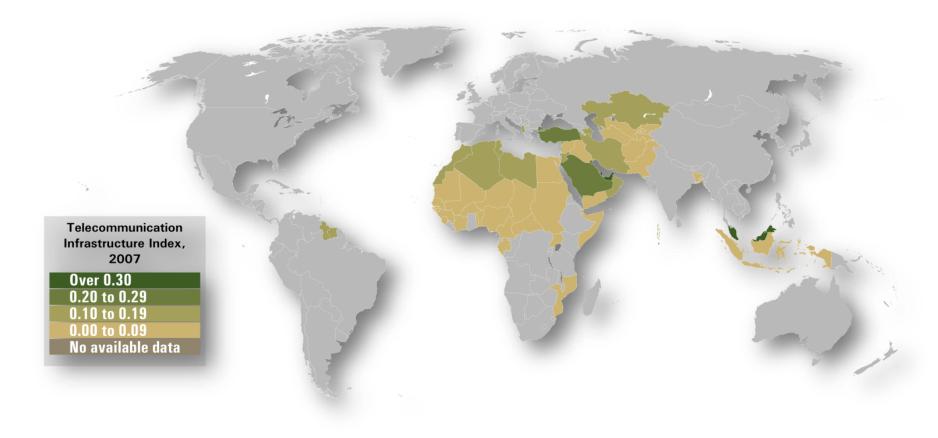
- □ A composite measure

  - Internet users
  - Telephone lines
  - Cellular subscribers and
  - Broadband per 100
- Relates them to a country's infrastructure capacity as they relate to the delivery of e-government services
- Assigns each variable a 20% weight

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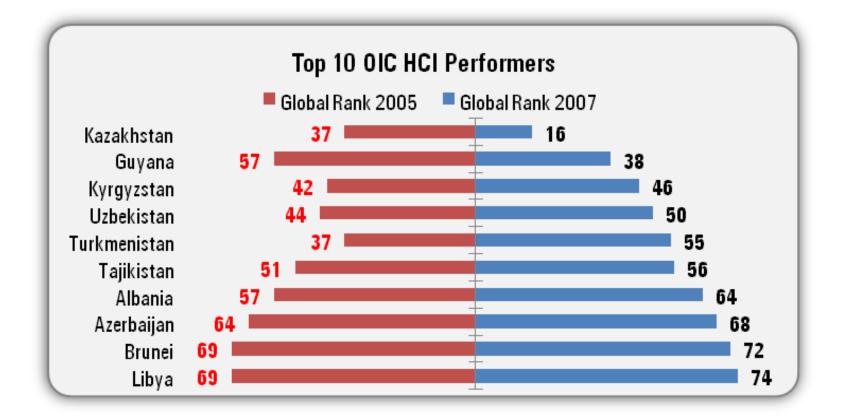


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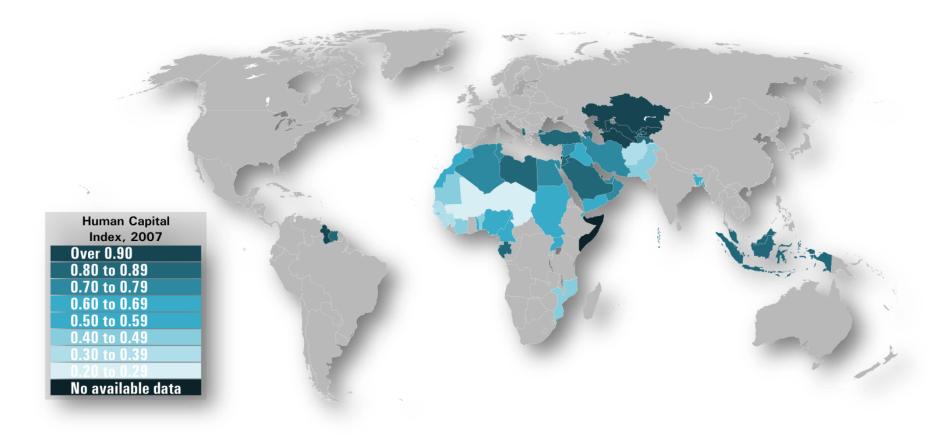
#### □ A composite of

- **The adult literacy rate (2/3 weight given) and**
- The combined primary, secondary and tertiary gross enrolment ratio (1/3 weight given)
- Shows to what extent the citizens of the OIC Member Countries are ready for e-transformation as a result of the OIC Member Countries' investments in the education of their citizens to embrace the e-government transformation process

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# Recommendations

- Three set of recommendations suggested for making e-government initiatives successful at the OIC level
  - OIC Member Countries that lack human capital and technologic infrastructure and/or whose e-government programs are still in an early phase
  - The second set of recommendations focus on the efforts for shaping an effective and sustainable e-government environment in the public sector of the OIC Member Countries that are relatively more experienced in e-government applications
  - The third set of recommendations express the cooperation methods at the OIC level to enhance the capacity building of the Member Countries in e-government applications, and increase the productivity and quality of the e-government applications in the OIC Member Countries

### Recommendations (early phase)

Human Capital Development

- (Education emphasizing ICT use)
- Increasing computer penetration rates
  - Solving the energy (electricity) problem
  - Encourage ICT infrastructure development (by subsidizing ISPs for example)
- Careful technology selection
- ePolicy and eStrategy Development

# Recommendations (Effective and Sustainable eGovernment)

- Have a strategic plan
- Take the requests of the stakeholders into consideration
  - Listen to citizens, businesses, civil servants etc.
  - It will contribute to developing user-friendly eGovernment applications
- Conducting careful analyses of the administrative process
- Make life-long learning an integral part of the sustainable e-government environment
- Formulate and implement an ICT strategy in line with the e-government strategy of the government
  - the ICT departments in each public institution should be consulted
- Provide a secure e-government experience
  - affordable authentication technologies of electronic and/or mobile signatures
- Calculate Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) carefully for the technology (open source/proprietary) to be chosen
- Promote e-government services by offering incentives to citizens

#### Recommendations (Cooperation at International Level)

- Establish a common platform to meet regularly for sharing e-goverment experiences
- Forming an OIC eGovernment Working Group
- Implementation of an eGovernment Web Portal: Form an electronic network to exchange information on egovernment strategies and initiatives
- Carry out a survey at the OIC level to bring out the training needs to foster overall capacity-building of the OIC Member Countries in their e-government initiatives



# THANK YOU

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