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Workshop on 'Price Caps and Interconnection'

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Agenda

Day One – Thursday, 2 August 2001

08:30-09:00

Registration

09:00-09:15

Session One - Official Opening

09:00 - 09:10

Welcome and Opening Remarks – Major General Khalid Bashir HI (M) TBt, Chairman, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority, Government of Pakistan

09:10 - 09:15

Opening remarks by ITU Representative for Asia-Pacific Region

09:15-10:30

Session Two

09:15 - 10:30

'Overview of Telecom Pricing and Costing' (W. Withers, ITU Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand)

10:30- 10:45

Break

10:45-12:00

Session Three - Rate of Return & Price Caps for Price-Setting

10:45 - 12:00

'Rate of Return and Price-caps for Price-setting' (Dr. Patrick Xavier, Senior Lecturer in Economics, and Director of Info-Com Analysis, School of Business, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne Australia)

12:00- 13:30

Lunch

13:30-15:00

Session Four - Universal Access and Interconnection

- 13:30-14:45 **Universal Access and Domestic and International (Settlements) Interconnection** (Dr. Xu Yan, Assistant Professor Department of Information and Systems Management Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
- 14:45 - 15:00 Break
- 15:00 - 17:00** **Session Five – Case Study Work Groups**
- 15:00-17:00 Outline Work Group Objectives for Price Cap Case Study (Dr. Patrick Xavier - Price Cap Regulatory procedure – Regulator, Operator and Consumer Group)
- 15:00– 1700 Outline Work Group Objectives for Interconnection Case Study (Dr. Xu Yan - Negotiate Fixed-Mobile Interconnection Agreement – Regulator, Fixed Operator, Mobile Operator)

Day Two – Friday, 3 August 2001

09:00-10:30

Session Six

- 09:00-10:30 **Price Caps – (a) Theoretical Concepts (Dr. P. Xavier)**
(b) Customer pricing - Fixed-Fixed, Fixed-Mobile and Mobile-Fixed
(c) Price Ceilings and/or Floors (d) Non-regulated mobile markets
(reference examples of both regulated and non-regulated markets)

- 10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00

Session Seven

- 10:45 – 12:00 **Fixed-Mobile Interconnection Fees: (a) Component fees for facilities (b) Costing of Interconnection - i.e. LRIC** (Dr. Xu Yan)

- 12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00

Session Eight

- 13:30 – 15:00 **Price Caps – Examples of Applications from (a) Developed Economy and (b) Developing Economy – similarities and differences** (Dr. P. Xavier)

- 15:00 -15:15 Break

15:15-17:00

Session Nine

- 15:15-17:00 Work Group on Price Cap Case Study (Dr. P. Xavier – each sub-group (Regulator, Operator and Consumer Group) prepares for ‘Regulatory Hearing’ schedule for Saturday, 4 August)
- 15:15– 1700 Work Group on Interconnection Case Study (Dr. Xu Yan - each sub-group (Regulator, Fixed Operator and Mobile Operator) prepares to either Negotiate a Fixed-Mobile Interconnection Agreement or for a ‘Regulatory Hearing’ schedule for Saturday, 4 August)

Day Three – Saturday, 4 August 2001

09:00-10:15

Session Ten

09:00 -10:15

Interconnection – Presentation on Fixed-Mobile Interconnection – Issues and Options for Pakistan – (Dr. Xu Yan)

10:15-10:30

Break

10:30-12:00

Session Eleven

10:30 – 12:00

International Price Benchmarking (W. Withers)

12:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-1500

Session Twelve

14:00-15:00

‘Regulatory Hearing’ on Price Cap Application – Group Presentation (Dr. P. Xavier)

15:00-15:15

Break

1515 – 1615

Session Thirteen

15:15 – 16:15

“Negotiation of Fixed-Mobile Interconnection Agreement’ – Group Presentation (Dr. Xu Yan)

1615 – 1645

Session Fourteen

16:15 – 16:45

Official Closing

Closing Remarks – Muhammad Akram Khan, Member (Finance), Pakistan Telecommunication Authority, Government of Pakistan

Closing remarks by ITU Representative for Asia-Pacific Region
