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- Administrations of ITU Member States in Asia and the Pacific
- National Regulatory Authorities in Asia and the Pacific

Subject: **Executive Round Table, ITU GSR Regional Regulatory Roundtable for Asia and the Pacific and Regional Economic Dialogue (RED), 8-9 June 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Executive Roundtable for Heads of National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) and Senior Officials of the ICT Ministries, the ITU Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR) Regional Regulatory Roundtable for Asia and the Pacific and Regional Economic Dialogue (RED) that will be held virtually from 8-9 June 2021.


The new digital world needs a new take on regulation. ICTs can dramatically transform education, health care, environmental management, agriculture, trade and entrepreneurship, the provision of government services – and so much more. For this to happen, enabling frameworks of policy and regulation, and appropriate networks and services need to be put in place. Holistic and harmonized approach to policy and regulation could provide the opportunities for efficiency and impact, while silo-style sector-specific regulation may not be viable in this new digital world. This new paradigm is embodied in collaborative regulation which must engage a broad and diverse range of stakeholders in informed, evidence-based rule- and decision-making, with both social and economic impact in mind.

Against this background, the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific is planning to organize a closed (by invitation only) **“Executive Roundtable for NRAs and Senior Officials of the ICT Ministries” which will be held on 8 June 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm (Bangkok time GMT+7)**. This will be followed by the Regional Regulatory Roundtable and the Regional Economic Dialogue.

The Regional Regulatory Roundtable for Asia and the Pacific and RED discussions will focus on Golbal Symposium for Regulators (GSR) Best Practices Guidelines (BPG), regulatory uplift for financing digital infrastructure, access and use, collaborative (5th generation) regulations, incentives to foster affordable ICT services by promoting investment for meaningful connectivity in the Asia and the Pacific Region, economic and financial approaches in the digital ecosystem, effective partnerships for advancing connectivity and achieving the SDGs and policies and regulations for critical technologies of the future. Attached is the draft agenda of the event with time management plan. Updated agenda and link to registration information will soon be available at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/GSR/2021/Pages/ASP.aspx>.

For any assistance or questions, please contact my colleague Mr. S. Ismail Shah, ITU Area Representative for Southeast Asia, at ismail.shah@itu.int. I hope that you will be able to participate in and make valuable contribution to successful Executive Roundtable, GSR Regional Regulatory Roundtable for Asia and the Pacific and Regional Economic Dialogue 2021.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Atsuko', written in a cursive style.

Atsuko Okuda
Regional Director

Draft – Provisional Agenda and Time Management Plan GSR Regional Regulatory Roundtable for Asia and the Pacific 2021

Tuesday, 8 June 2021	
0945h-1000h	Testing for the Executive Round Table with Head of NRAs
1000h-1230h	<p>Closed Session (By Invitation only): Separate Zoom Link</p> <p style="color: red;">Executive Round Table with Heads of NRAs</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Keynote presentations by ITU covering</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Introducing the two Studies conducted by ITU-ASP Region on co-deployment (ASP) ii) Report on the Impact of Policies, Regulation, and Institutions on ICT Sector Performance (ASP) iii) Whole of the government approach <li style="color: red;">iv) LinkedIn Group for Regulators (ASP) <p>Moderator: tbc</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) - Policy Makers, Competition Commissions - Regional Associations Representatives (PITA, APT?) - Finance Ministry Representatives
1300h-1315h	Testing for the Main session: Separate Zoom Link
1315h-1330h	<p>Official Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), International Telecommunication Union – Mercy Wanjau, GSR-21 Chair and Acting Director General of Communications Authority of Kenya – Host Country (if any) Representative – Group Photo
1330h-1415h	<p style="color: red;">GSR Roundtable 1: GSR Best Practices Guidelines (BPG) consultation: Regulatory uplift for financing digital infrastructure, access and use</p> <p>Moderator: tbc</p> <p><u>Keynote presentation:</u> GSR-21 Best Practices Guidelines (BPG) consultation - Sofie Maddens, ITU/BDT Head Regulatory and Market Environment Division</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Regional Regulatory Associations Representatives</p>

1415h-1500h	<p>GSR Roundtable 2: Setting the Scene: Toward Collaborative 5th Generation Regulation</p> <p><u>Keynote presentation:</u> Collaborative Regulation in Asia and the Pacific – presentation of G5 Benchmark - Youlia Lozanova, ITU/BDT Regulatory and Market Environment Division</p> <p>Moderator: tbc</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) (focusing on the Country case studies for the region) • Representative of other Sectors (Education, health, finance) • Discussion: How to have Whole of the Government Approach?
Wednesday, 9 June 2021	
1215h-1315h	<p>RED Session 1: Incentives to foster affordable ICT services by promoting investment for meaningful connectivity in the Asia and the Pacific Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulatory and economic strategies to achieve connectivity in rural and isolated areas (Connecting schools, hospitals: collaborating with other ministries/departments) - Identification of affordable bundled ICT services - Infrastructure and spectrum sharing obligation (also highlighting the role of other government department in RoW and Infrastructure such as street furniture sharing) - Impact of satellite and other technology solutions <p>Moderator: tbc</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITU Expert • ISOC • National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) • Network Operators and Services Providers perspective • Satellite Industry • Ministry of Education/Health
1315h-1415h	<p>RED Session 2: Economic and financial approaches in the digital ecosystem - Effective partnerships for advancing connectivity and achieving the SDGs</p> <p>Session organized in coordination with the ITU-D Study Group Question 4/1</p> <p>Moderator: tbc</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic policies and methods of determining the costs of services related to national telecommunication/ICT networks including NGN: Arseny Plossky, Russian Federation, Rapporteur Question 4/1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costing digital services – Importance of partnerships • Discussion on: Positive and negative long term impact of policies and regulations such as that of taxation
1415h-1515h	<p>RED Session 3: Policies and Regulations for Critical Technologies of the Future</p> <p><u>Keynote presentation:</u> World Economic Forum’s report titled “Global Technology Governance Report 2021: Harnessing Fourth Industrial Revolution Technologies in a COVID-19 World”.</p> <p>Moderator: tbc</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Finance • National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) • Network Operators and Services Providers • Digital platforms • Ministry of Defense • Discussion: Economic cost of not having the right policies for the critical technologies.
1515h-1545h	<p>Closing</p> <p>Summary of discussion and way forward and details of the LinkedIn Groups</p>