



Australian Government

Department of Communications and the Arts

Australia's Contribution to Implementing the WTDC-14 Asia-Pacific Regional Initiatives

Australia's voluntary contributions

- Each year Australia makes a voluntary contribution to the ITU
- The funds are to be used for development activities in the Asia-Pacific region
- Australia and the ITU establish projects to govern the use of the funds
- Implementing the regional initiatives is a focus for these projects

Project on Capacity Building to address Numbering Misuse in the Pacific

Objective: To enhance telephone numbering management practices and information sharing in Pacific Island Countries

Expected results: number misappropriation assessments; develop best practice guidelines; prepare inputs to ITU, APT, and Pacific forums and meetings

Timeline: Commenced December 2016 and due for completion September 2017

Justification: WTDC Resolution 78 “Capacity building for countering misappropriation of Recommendation ITU-T e.164 telephone numbers” and Asia-Pacific Regional Initiatives 1 and 3.

Budget: USD 160,000 (Australia’s contribution USD 150,000)

Three projects on Supporting the Implementation of the Regional Initiatives

Objectives: Contribute to the achievement of the Regional Initiatives, enhance and strengthen partnerships, disseminate knowledge and information

Expected results: develop policy, regulatory and legislative frameworks; accelerate deployment of infrastructure, enhance skills of policy makers and regulators, promote digital inclusion; support diverse local needs

Justifications: ASP RIs are intended to address telecommunication/ICT priority areas, through partnerships and resource mobilisation

Budgets:

2014/15: USD 658,757

2016: USD 632,366

2017: USD 585,597

Activities undertaken within the projects

ASP1: Special consideration for least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific island countries, and landlocked developing countries

Expected result	Examples of activities undertaken
Improved infrastructure and enhanced access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4th Pacific Regional Conference on Disability• Pacific ICT Ministerial Meeting 2015
Enhanced skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IPv6 deployment in least developed countries• ITU ASP Centre of Excellence Training on Developing Telecom Strategy for the Pacific – the Next 5 years
Addressing specific issues and challenges in the Pacific	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addressing number misappropriation in Pacific Island Countries• Enhancing access to submarine cables for Pacific Island Countries

ASP2: Emergency telecommunications

ASP3: Harnessing the benefits of new technologies

Expected result	Examples of activities undertaken
Frameworks for new and emerging technical issues and for utilising new technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Text to speech development in local language• OTT policy
Awareness raising and capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asia-Pacific Regional Knowledge Exchange Conference 2015• Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on e-Government & Digital Societies for Sustainable Development
Expert and technical assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compliance testing of Mobile Base Stations,• IPv6 deployment

ASP4: Development of broadband access and adoption

Expected result	Examples of activities undertaken
National broadband policies to meet the needs of developing countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development and implementation of national broadband policies
International volunteer cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International ICT Volunteers program and annual General Meeting
Improved broadband infrastructure and access to affordable ICT services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Accelerating Broadband Access• Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Universal Access Service and Broadband Deployment• Study on Sustainable Internet Access Centres

ASP5: Policy and regulation

Expected result	Examples of activities undertaken
Policy, regulatory and legislative frameworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and development of telecommunications legislation• Development of licencing frameworks
Enhancing skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Workshop on National Spectrum Management• International Training Program
Regulatory cooperation and information sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ITU Asia-Pacific Regulators Roundtable

Thoughts for the development of RIs for WTDC-17

- Titles and objectives should be clear and concise
- Expected results should be achievable through the implementation of concrete activities/projects
- The initiatives should clearly define priorities for the region and focus efforts on addressing them



Thank you

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