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He is currently Senior Advisor, responsible for sustainable development through ICTs by providing technical assistance and creating conducive policy and regulatory framework for South Asian countries covering India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, and Maldives.

He has assisted several countries in migration from legacy networks to Next Generation Networks, Conformance and Interoperability, designing Broadband Policy Framework and Wireless Broadband Master Plans for over sixteen countries including countries from Pacific Islands and ASEAN.

He is also regional focal point for Asia-Pacific region on cyber security and assisting countries in developing national cybersecurity strategies, establishment of CIRT and Child Online Protection (COP) working with partners including UNICEF / UNESCO and industry.

He also actively works with UN/developmental agencies e.g. UNESCO, WHO, UNICEF, UNODC, UNESCAP, APT & organizations e.g. GSMA, ICANN etc.

Mr. Sharma worked extensively on digital inclusion including developing policy framework on ICT for Persons with Disability for Afghanistan, Nepal and India and ICT for empowerment of women in India. He also assisted countries on emergency communications framework and network restoration including Nepal, India, Pakistan and Timor- Leste. He organized leaders' summit attended by Prime Ministers, Minister and Regulators' Roundtable, International Training Programs, ITU Centre of Excellence trainings and several regional events for Asia-Pacific countries.

Before joining the ITU, he held several senior positions such as Advisor, Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), Malaysia, General Manager, Corporate Strategy, Celcom, Malaysia.

He also worked with Indian regulator (TRAI) responsible for introduction of IP Telephony, Quality of Service, Interconnection, convergence and regulatory framework for development of ICT in India. He has extensive experience in television and radio broadcasting including satellite and microwave communications. He also worked with Siemens. Mr. Sharma had also served as lecturer in engineering college in India.

Mr. Sharma actively contributed to Study Groups in ITU-T and ITU-D as chair on Mobile Termination Rates in ITU-SG3 (2005-2007) and Chair on Economic aspects of IP Telephony 2001 and had undertaken field projects as ITU Expert.

He has been chair and panel speaker in several international conferences and has contributed to several international articles and publications including ITU-D publications. He has been awarded by ITU with a medal of excellence for performance in 2009.