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He is currently Senior Advisor, responsible for sustainable development through ICTs offering technical assistance and creating conducive policy and regulatory framework for South Asian countries. Mr. Sharma assisted several countries in migration from legacy networks to Next Generation Networks, Conformance and Interoperability, regional terrestrial transmission map, designing Broadband Policy Framework and Wireless Broadband Master Plans for over seventeen countries including countries from Pacific Islands and ASEAN. He is also regional focal point for on cybersecurity and assisting countries in developing national cybersecurity strategies, establishment of CIRT and Child Online Protection (COP).

Mr. Sharma worked extensively on digital inclusion including developing policy framework on ICT for Persons with Disability and ICT for empowerment of women. He also assisted countries on Emergency Communications Framework and network restoration. He organized Leaders' Summit attended by Prime Ministers, Ministers 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, Celcom, Malaysia. Mr. Sharma 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. Mr. Sharma has extensive experience in television and radio broadcasting including satellite and microwave communications. Mr. Sharma also worked with Siemens as well as served as lecturer in engineering college in India. He was awarded by ITU with a medal of excellence for performance in 2009.