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**ITU-BTRC Asia-Pacific Regulators’ Roundtable**

**“New Regulatory Frontiers to support**

**Digital Economy”**

**6-7 August 2018**

**Dhaka, Bangladesh**

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*The need for continuing dialogue and experience sharing amongst telecommunications/Information and Communications Technology (ICT) regulators and policy-makers has been consistently expressed in various ITU fora particularly as we are in the midst of increasingly converged smart digital economies.*

*This Regulators’ Roundtable is the 8th edition of the Asia-Pacific Region Initiative to organize an annual Roundtable to provide telecommunication/ICT regulators in the region with a platform that fosters dynamic and strategic discussions, as well as sharing of information, relevant experiences and practices and to conclusively debate on possible solutions and opportunities for potential collaboration to address emerging regulatory issues and challenges.*

**Day 1: 6 August 2018**

08:30–09:30 REGISTRATION

09:30–09:45 **Welcome Remarks**: Dr. Shahjahan Mahmood Chairman, BTRC

09:45–10:00 **Opening Remarks:** Mr. Mustafa Jabbar, Minister of Posts, Telecommunications & Information Technology

10:00- 10:15 **Keynote Address:** Mr. Ioane Koroivuki, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office, And Asia-Pacific

10:15- 10:30 **GROUP PHOTO AND COFFEE BREAK**

**10:30 – 12:00: SESSION 1: Digital Transformation: Ecosystem for Digital Economies**

**Session Moderator: Dr. Shahjahan Mahmood Chairman, BTRC**

This session will examine the need for an ecosystem approach in promoting digital economies and smart services for citizen services to achieve digital transformation

* What is the role of regulators as facilitators in a cross-sectoral digital ecosystem?
* What are the current policy and regulatory barriers?
* Demand and supply factors?
* How to harness cross sectoral collaboration?

**Session Interveners:**

**Open Discussion and Wrap Up**

**End of Session 1**

**12:00 -13:30: Lunch Break**

**13:30–15:00: Session 2: Addressing the barriers for development of Digital Connectivity**

**Session Moderator:**

The Session aims to cover the following:

* What comprises digital connectivity?
* Current barriers in developing digital connectivity and relevant policy / regulatory enablers?
* What tools to enhance affordable ICTs for SDGs? (international/national connectivity and strategies to leverage financing for ICTs across the sectors, models to Bridge the digital / broadband divide )
	+ Best practices and developmental models
	+ Investment opportunities for private sector with incentive regulatory approach

**Session Interveners:**

**Open Discussion and Wrap Up**

**End of Session 2**

**15:00 -15:30: Coffee Break**

**15:30–17:00: Session 3: Challenges of New Technologies and regulatory approaches**

This session will examine barriers and solutions for development issues in an ICT ecosystem, which promotes sustainable investment and infrastructure development, especially on such issues on AI, IoT and industry 4.0.

**Session Moderator:**

The Session will examine and debate on:

* New technologies including 5G, AI, Blockchain, IOT, Industry 4.0
* Are current regulatory practices sufficient for industry?
* How to foster transparency and accountability? Do we need algorithm legislation?
* Challenges and opportunities
* 5th Generation of Regulation

**Session Interveners:**

**Open Discussion and Wrap Up**

**End of Session 3**

**Day 2: 7 August** **2018**

**09:00-10:30: SESSION 4**: **Universal broadband for all**

**Session Moderator:**

The session aims to discuss and address the following concerns:

* Status of broadband connectivity and new targets by Broadband Commission for Digital Development
* Review collaboration mechanisms for sustainable investment in infrastructure (addressing 5G, mobile broadband, fixed broadband, satellite broadband)
* Demand side drivers : Awareness, developing digital skills , promoting innovation and SME

**Session Interveners:**

**End of Session 4**

**10:30-11:00 TEA / COFFEE BREAK**

**11:00- 12:30:  SESSION 5:  Protecting privacy, ensuring trust and security of consumers while promoting innovation and growth in digital era: Industry- Regulator Dialogue**

This interactive debate will see panelists share their views to enhance consumer trust including secured and trusted data flows, data ownership and control, the role of social media, data security and privacy, and how horizontal regulation can empower consumers. (e.g., securing e‐commerce/ financial transactions, digital identity):

* Challenge of network and personal security
* Privacy and IPR issues – GDPR – what does this mean?  Is this model relevant globally?
* Initiatives by social media for consumer protection safeguards
* Legal and regulatory framework
* How to promote innovation and growth?

**Session Interveners:**

**Open Discussion and Wrap Up**

**End of Session 5**

**12:30- 14:00: LUNCH**

**14:00- 15:30: SESSION 6: Innovative regulatory tools as drivers of cross sectoral collaboration**

**Session Moderator:**

The session will explore and exchange views and experiences on:

* Need for collaborative regulation
* Generation 5 of Regulation – what does this mean in practice?
* ICT4SDG : Regulator as partner for achieving SDGs
* Inclusive Approach : ICTs for women, Persons with disabilities

**Session Interveners:**

**Open Discussion and Wrap Up**

**End of Session 6**

**15:30- 16:00: COFFEE BREAK**

**16:00- 16:30: SESSION 7:** **WAY FORWARD**

**Session Moderator:**

This session will brainstorm on the key ideas and outcomes that have emerged through knowledge/experience sharing in previous Sessions and examine the principles, practices and recommendations that will assist regulators in the Asia-Pacific region in addressing the telecommunication/ICT regulatory challenges.

**Session Interveners:**

**Open Discussion and Wrap Up**

**End of Session 7**

**16:30-17:00: CLOSING SESSION**

* Closing Remarks:
	+ Mr. Ioane Koroivuki , Regional Director ITU Asia-Pacific
	+ Dr. Shahjahan Mahmood Chairman, BTRC

**End of RR 2018**