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## Summary

➤ **What**

Asia and the Pacific Regional Development Forum 2020 (RDF-ASP 2020) aims to identify the emerging priorities for Digital Connectivity and serve as a platform for sharing strategic orientations and developing partnerships that may contribute to the development of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)'s regional work plan in between World Telecommunication Development Conferences (WTDCs).

➤ **When & where:**

Online 2-5 November 2020. Event webpage: <http://itu.int/go/RDF-ASP2020>

➤ **Targeted participants:**

Asia and the Pacific Regional Development Forum 2020 is organized to provide an opportunity for high-level dialogue between the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and decision-makers of ITU Member States, Sector Members, UN agencies and other key development stakeholders from the region.



# PROVISIONAL AGENDA

2 – 5 November 2020

Time GMT+7 BKK/JKT	Day 1 (2 November 2020)	Time GMT+7 BKK/JKT	Day 2 (3 November 2020)	Time GMT+7 BKK/JKT	Day 3 (4 November 2020)	Time GMT+7 BKK/JKT	Day 4 (5 November 2020)
<b>Pre-Forum Sessions</b>							
1000-1100	<b>Towards Digital Pacific</b> <b>Moderator</b> – Ms. Tupou'tuah Baravilala, Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications, Fiji <b>Panellists</b> 1. Mr Suetena Loia, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, MCIT, Samoa 2. Mr. Aamir Riaz and Mr. Siow Meng Soh 3. Mr. Tom C. Varghese, Head of Connectivity and Access Policy for Asia Pacific, Facebook	1000-1100	<b>Focus Area: Inclusive Connectivity</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Ms Anju Mangal, Head of Asia-Pacific Region, A4AI - Web Foundation <b>Panellists</b> 1. Mr John Garrity (Consultant (Digital Connectivity), Asian Development Bank) 2. Mr Aamir Riaz, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific 3. Mr Tomas Lamanauskas, Managing Partner Envision Associates and Special Advisor for ITU- BDT	1000-1100	<b>Focus Area: Policy and Regulation</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Ms Yoonee Jeong- Telenor <b>Panellists</b> 1. Dr. S. Ismail Shah, Head, ITU Area Office Jakarta 2. Mr. Xiofei Wang, Geidco 3. Mr. Sameer Sharma, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific	1000-1100	<b>Focus Area: ICT statistic</b> <b>Moderator</b> – Mr Ashish Kumar, Director, SIAP <b>Panellists</b> 1. Mr. Sung-Joon Choi, Director, MSIT, Republic of Korea 2. Dr Titi Kanti Lestari, Director, statistics Indonesia
<b>Regional Development Forum</b>							
1200-1330	<b>Opening of RDF 2020 and Leadership dialogue</b> <b>Theme “Cross-sectoral collaboration to drive digital development and progress towards SDGs”</b> <b>Moderator-</b> Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Director, BDT, ITU <b>Statements from:</b> 1. Ms. Bolor-Erdene Battengel, Chairwoman of CITA, Mongolia 2. H.E. Shafqat Mahmood, Ministry of Federal Eductaion and Professional Training, Islamabad, Pakistan 3. Hon'ble Lyonpo Karma Donnen Wangdi, Minister, Ministry of Information and Communications, Royal Government of Bhutan 4. H.E. Mr. Abdul Halim Iskandar, Minister of Villages, Development, Advantaged Regions and Transmigration, Republic of Indonesia	1200-1215	<b>Recap of Day 1 and introduction of days proceeding</b> Ms Atsuko-Okuda, Regional Director , ITU regional office for Asia and the Pacific	1200-1215	<b>Recap of Day 2 and introduction of days proceeding</b> Ms Atsuko-Okuda, Regional Director ITU regional office for Asia and the Pacific	1200-1215	<b>Recap of Day 3 and introduction of days proceeding</b> Ms Atsuko-Okuda, Regional Director ITU regional office for Asia and the Pacific
		1215-1300	<b>Session 2a: Partnerships for supportive Policies and regulations for ICTs</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Masanori Kondo, DSG, APT <b>Panelists</b> 1. Mr. Omar Ansari, Chairman, Afghanistan Telecommunication Regulatory Authority 2. Mr. Anang Latif, CEO, BAKTI (USO Organization), Indonesia 3. Ms. Barbara Navarro, Head of Google Cloud, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Policy, Asia Pacific 4. Mr. C. K. Foong, Axiata group, Malaysia 5. Ms. Anna O'Donnell, World Bank Indonesia	1215-1300	<b>Session 4: ICTs and role of SMEs</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Mr Mohammed Ba-ITU 1. Mr. Arndt Husar, Senior Public Management Specialist (Digital Transformation), ADB 2. Mr. Zouhair Khaliq, Co-Founder, Teamup, Pakistan 3. Mr. Sanny Gaddafi, Founder & CEO, 8villages, Indonesia 4. Mr. Kishore Babu, Deputy Director General (Standards – R&D – Innovation), DoT, India	1215-1300	<b>Session 7: ICTs for ALL</b> <b>Moderator-</b> Prof Kawamori Masahito, Vice-chair, WP 2, ITU-T SG 16 <b>Panellists</b> 1. Mr. Mirwais Naikmal, Plan and Policy Director, MCIT Afghanistan 2. Mr Notachard Chintakanond, Panelist, Executive Director International. Affairs Bureau, NBTC Thailand (tbc) 3. Ms. Aiko Akiyama, Expert on Disability UNESCAP 4. Mr. Sameer Pujari, Manager BHBM, WHO



	<p>5. H.E. Mr. Mustafa Jabbar, Minister of Posts, Telecommunications &amp; IT, Bangladesh</p> <p>6. H.E. Mr. Johnny Gerard Plate, Minister of Communication and Informatics, Republic of Indonesia</p> <p>7. Ms Areewan Horangsi, Secretary General Asia Pacific telcommunity</p> <p>8. Mr Woonchong Um, Director General Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</p> <p>9. H.E. Mr. Bob Loughman Weibur, Prime Minister, Vanuatu</p>	<p><b>1300-1400</b></p>	<p><b>Session 2b: Affordable ICT connectivity in partnership with industry</b></p> <p><b>Remarks :</b> Ms Atsuko-Okuda, Regional Director ITU regional office for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr Thomas E. Abell, Advisor SDCC and Chief of Digital Technology for Development - Asian Development Bank</p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. George Samisoni President Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association and CEO FINTEL</li> <li>2. Mr. Osamu Kamimura, Vice President and Head of Spectrum Policy Office, SoftBank Head of Global Spectrum Planning Department, HAPSMobile</li> <li>3. Mr. Jørgen C. Arentz Rostrup, Head of Telenor Group Asia</li> <li>4. Mr Bill Lan, Chief NBN Strategist – Huawei</li> </ol>	<p><b>1300-1400</b></p>	<p><b>Session 5: Role of academia in digital development</b></p> <p><b>Moderators-</b> Dr Jingbo Huang, Director, UNU Macao &amp; Dr. Serge Stinckwich, Head of Research, UNU Macao</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Luis Soares Barbosar, Deputy Head UNU-E-GOV</li> <li>2. Dr. Mindel van de Laar, UNU Merit</li> <li>3. Dr. Eun-Ju Kim, Chief of Digital Knowledge Hub Department, ITU</li> </ol>	<p><b>1300-1400</b></p>	<p><b>Session 8: Towards WTDC-21</b></p> <p><b>Moderator-</b> Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Stephen Bereaux, Deputy to Director, BDT, ITU</li> <li>2. Dr. Ahmad R. Sharafat, Chairman of APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-21</li> <li>3. Mr Bocar Ba, CEO, SAMENA Telecommunications Council, Chair of IAGDI-CRO</li> <li>4. Dr. S. Ismail Shah, Head of the Area Office, Jakarta, ITU</li> </ol>
<p><b>1330-1430</b></p>	<p><b>Session 1a: ICTs to deliver SDGs as ONE UN</b></p> <p><b>Moderator-</b> Mr. Stephen Bereaux, Deputy to Director, BDT, ITU</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Gita Sabharwal, UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand</li> <li>2. Ms. Valerie Julliard, UN Resident Coordinator in Indonesia</li> <li>3. Mr. Julien Harneis, UN Resident Coordinator in Pakistan</li> </ol>	<p><b>1400-1445</b></p>	<p><b>Session 3: Digital services for Digital development</b></p> <p><b>Moderator :</b> Mr. Alex Wong, Senior Strategy Advisor, BDT, ITU</p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr Vincent Wierda, Regional Coordinator, Asia, UNCDF</li> <li>2. Mr Hani Eskandar, ITU</li> <li>3. Mr Sibesh Bhattacharya, Principal Infrastructure Specialist - ICT, ADB</li> </ol>	<p><b>1400-1445</b></p>	<p><b>Session 6: Developing ICT Capacity in Asia and the Pacific</b></p> <p><b>Moderator-</b> Dr Farzad Ebrahimi, Chairman &amp; founder, IoT Academy</p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Tindi Seje Nuru Director- Teaching Learning Methods Unit, PNGUOT</li> <li>2. Ms. Marcella O'Shea, Manager Asia Pacific Japan (APJ) Corporate Affairs, Cisco Systems, Inc;</li> <li>3. Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</li> <li>4. Mr. Duncan Macintosh, Development Director, APNIC</li> </ol>	<p><b>1400-1445</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p>Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Director, BDT, ITU</p>
<p><b>1430-1500</b></p>	<p><b>Session 1b: ITU RO-ASP updates on activities to support WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives</b></p> <p>Ms Atsuko-Okuda, Regional Director ITU regional office for Asia and the Pacific</p>						
<b>Post-Forum Sessions</b>							
	<p><b>1445-1545</b></p> <p><b>Focus Area: Cyber-safety</b></p> <p><b>Moderator-</b> Ms. Fanny Rotino, COP Project Coordinator, ITU</p> <p><b>Remarks :</b> Mr Stephen Bereaux, Deputy to the Director BDT, ITU</p> <p><b>Introduction to the 2020 Guidelines for the Protection of Children Online:</b> Ms. Fanny Rotino, COP Project Coordinator, ITU</p> <p><b>Interventions</b></p>	<p><b>1445-1545</b></p>	<p><b>Focus Area: Cyber-Security</b></p> <p><b>Moderator-</b> Mr. Sameer Sharma, Senior Advisor, ITU Regional Office for Asia-Pacific</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ITU Cybersecurity service and Cyberdrills: Mr. Orhan Osmani, Senior Cybersecurity Coordinator and Mr. Marwan Ben Rached , Cybersecurity Coordinator</li> <li>2. Legislation and International Cooperation, Areas of Cooperation: Mr. Alexandru CACIULOIU, Cybercrime and Cryptocurrency Advisor, Programme Coordinator for Southeast Asia and Pacific, UNODC</li> </ol>	<p><b>1445-1545</b></p>	<p><b>Your World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC 2021)</b></p> <p>Ms Rury (Supported by RO-ASP staff)</p>	<p><b>1445-1545</b></p>	

**Note:** Session concept in the detailed concept



<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ms Ella Serry, Assistant Manager, International, Strategy and Futures at the eSafety Commissioner, Australia's</li><li>2. Ms. Rizki Ameliah, Coordinator of Digital Literacy Program, KOMINFO Indonesia</li><li>3. Mr. Anil Raghuvanshi, Childsafenet, Nepal</li><li>4. Ms Shanta Arul, Netflix</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. CERT Assessment and capacity , strengthening partnership for ensuring secure cyberspace: Mr. Paul Wilson, Director General, APNIC</li><li>4. Cyber Resilience and awareness for society fostering collaboration with ITU: Dr. Mamello Thinyane , Principal Research Fellow, United Nations University</li><li>5. Cybersecurity maturity and preparedness: partnering with ITU Dr. James Boorman, Head of Research and Capacity Building at Oceania Cyber Security Centre</li><li>6. Critical National Infrastructure: Service the needs of Pacific Island countries with stronger partnership: Mr. Philip Victor, Managing Director, Welchman Keen</li></ol>	
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## SESSION DETAILS

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### Pre-Forum Information Sessions

#### A. Towards Digital Pacific

The session would provide information on Initiative of ITU in the Pacific which had impact on ICT connectivity especially in rural areas. The discussion would focus on:

- International connectivity in pacific
- ITU Satellite connectivity and Emergency Telecomm project Impact Assessment Report
- Smart Islands for Digital Pacific (Upcoming)

#### B. Inclusive connectivity

To facilitate its membership in making key investment decision to improve ICT connectivity infrastructure, ITU has developed various guidelines and tools. The session would provide information on these guidelines and toolkits along-with the key initiatives being taken to address the challenges of schools' connectivity and harnessing the advantages of ICT to recover from COVID-19 impacts. The session would share information with participants on the following:

- Digital Network connectivity (LMC guidelines and toolkits, terrestrial connectivity Maps)
- Giga in ASP
- Connect2Recover

#### C. Policy and Regulation

Even with all the available options for connectivity, without enabling policies and regulations no country can progress. In the continuously evolving digital space the need to have forward looking polices is a must. ITU recently conducted several regional and one global forums that emphasized the need for conducive and collaborative regulations. The session would discuss the outcomes of these forums and discuss the related issues.

### RDF-ASP 2020 Sessions

#### Opening and Leadership dialogue

Formal opening session with policy statements from leadership level. The theme of the session would be "Cross-sectoral collaboration to drive digital development and progress towards SDGs"

#### Session 1a: ICTs to deliver SDGs as ONE UN

The session would bring together development partners from agencies working under the UN umbrella in the region. The main objective of the sessions is to explore synergies in achieving SDGs by harnessing the use of ICTs. Targeted speakers are from UNRCOs and regional UN agencies.



### **Session 1b: ITU RO-ASP updates on activities to support WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives**

WTDC-2017 stipulated five Asia and the Pacific Regional Initiatives with shift from activity-based implementation to result based outcomes with impact harnessing the role of ICT in achieving Sustainable Development Goals through Digital Transformation fostering cross sectoral collaboration. The session aims to discuss how the efforts of ITU's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, including projects through Regional Initiatives, technical assistance, trainings and partnerships, have contributed towards the expected results of the WTDC-17 and to encourage current and potential partners to mobilise resources to further implement the Regional Initiatives with impact and outcome.

### **Session 2a: Partnerships for supportive Policies and regulations for ICTs**

After the deregulation over the years the traditional telecommunication sector has been driven by the private sector. In the digital space and the ICT sector in general the private sector plays a key role in the development process. However, none of this is possible unless government policies are investment friendly, forward looking and conducive for the sector development. This requires partnership between the public and private sector. The session is designed to provide an opportunity to ITU-D member administrations and key regional organizations to suggest possible ways through which existing partnerships can be strengthened and new ones built to introduce policy interventions and regulatory regimes at regional and national levels that support comprehensive development of ICTs.

### **Session 2b: Affordable ICT connectivity in partnership with industry**

The session would serve as a platform for ICT industry leaders to discuss challenges in development of ICT infrastructure and affordability of services provided through these networks. Recommendations on addressing this issue would be another focus area of the session and to put forward immediate priority areas for collaboration with industry as digital technology are having a massive impact during COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Session 3: Digital services for Digital development**

With governments around the world now according unprecedented importance to the development of digital networks and services, the session would build on previous discussions and would focus on the implementation experiences of digital services leveraging on ICTs.

### **Session 4: ICTs and role of SMEs**

The development in the ICT sector is driven by the SMEs. This not only requires the government support but requires all the stakeholders like the academia, funding agencies and young entrepreneurs to be fully on board and aware of the digital innovation ecosystem. In this regard ITU has been paying special attention to this area. SMEs play a vital role in economies of many Asia-Pacific countries. The recovery from COVID-19 requires innovative solutions and these solutions often come from upcoming innovators and SMEs. This session will focus on the key requirements for the SMEs to flourish and contribute towards the development of the economy and society.

### **Session 5: Role of Academia in digital development**

The Academia members are an important institution for ITU to engage talented young researchers and students to contribute in the vital work of ITU. The session would bring together academia and other R&D institutes to discuss the important role academia plays for sustainable future ICT solutions.



### **Session 6: Developing ICT Capacity in Asia and the Pacific**

Capacity development is key in helping ITU members to build the skills needed in today's digital era and respond to the high demand for training for all. New technologies have also proliferated over the past decade, and the challenge is clear. A large skills gap has emerged – with tens of millions of jobs opening up around the world for those with advanced digital skills – and a shortage of qualified people to fill the positions. This session brings together partners in capacity development to discuss strategies and approaches in addressing the large digital skills gap that exists, through developing partnership, maximising reach and creating impact.

### **Session 7: ICTs for all**

Digital Inclusion is an important item in ICT development. An inclusive development requires giving due consideration to people from all communities and backgrounds. The session would be a platform for ITU members and partners exchange of ideas on how to bridge the digital divide through multi-stakeholder partnerships, collaborations and initiatives, to implement scalable roadmaps, actions, activities, and projects, and provide a more inclusive, equal access and use of ICTs for all.

### **Session 8: WTDC-21 reform initiative**

The 2021 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21) comes at a defining moment for the world and our place in it. The COVID-19 global pandemic has brought home the stark reality that in today's hyper-connected economies, connectivity is not just important; it is absolutely critical. At the same time, it is increasingly clear that the success of this final Decade of Action in achieving the SDGs will largely rest on digital solutions. With governments around the world now according unprecedented importance to the development of digital networks and services, WTDC-21 represents our best chance in decades to mobilize the global community around the power of digital transformation and reshape the connectivity agenda. This session aims at discussing key reforms for World Telecommunication Development Conference in 2021 that are agreed during TDAG 2020 so that the WTDC could be a solutions-based conference that addresses the real challenges in the development of telecommunications/ICTs.

## **Post-Forum Sessions**

### **A. Cyber Safety: Launching of the 2020 Child Online Protection for Asia and the Pacific**

This session is dedicated to the regional launch of the 2020 Guidelines for the Protection of Children Online (COP). The guidelines are aimed at improving online child protection and providing resources and practical tools to support children and their families in the development of digital skills and digital literacy. The guidelines are targeted for government, industry, educators, parents and children to develop national and corporate policies and strategies. The ceremony will include the launching of COP in two of the 6 official languages of the UN, English and Chinese. The session will bring representatives from the government, industry as well as ITU to discuss the importance of childrens' safety online.



## **B. Cyber-Security**

ITU improves a States' cybersecurity readiness, protection, and incident response capabilities by conducting CyberDrills which are annual events during which cyber-attacks, information security incidents, or other types of disruptions are simulated in order to test an organization's cyber capabilities, from being able to detect a security incident to the ability to respond appropriately and minimize any related impact by sharing experiences amongst the CERT/CIRT/CSIRT community in a unified exercise to build global response and recovery capabilities and raise awareness of other cyber exercise initiatives. This session will showcase and share experiences of countries during the cyber drill. This session will also see release of the white paper on Critical national Infrastructure: Risks and Opportunities looking at cyber threats and challenges to the critical national infrastructure and how to address these threats.

## **C. Your World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC 2021)**

The session is redesigned to hear from participants in an informal interactive way on the plans of ITU on WTDC-21. The linkage with RDF session 8 is made where details would be provided on the WTDC-21 planning strategy.

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