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With the focus of achieving the United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development, Mr. Sharma is responsible to the ITU Member States, Sector Members and Academia in the Asia-Pacific region to develop the digital economy through Digital Transformation using ICTs.

Mr. Sharma is the ITU's Asia Pacific region focal point for Cybersecurity and his role includes developing National Cybersecurity Strategies, establishment of CIRT and Child Online Protection (COP) framework. He has also assisted several countries to establish Emergency Communications framework as well as network restoration.

Mr. Sharma's technical experience includes migration of legacy networks to Next Generation Networks, Conformance and Interoperability, Type Approval, Interactive Terrestrial Transmission Map, National Broadband Policy frameworks and Wireless Broadband Master Plans, IoT, IMT/5G and bridging the standardization gap.

Mr. Sharma is also passionate in promoting digital inclusion through developing policy frameworks on ICT for persons with disability (accessibility) and ICT for empowerment of women and development of digital skills and innovation.

His work related to the digital economy includes cross sectoral work on e-health, e-agriculture by working closely with members from the private sectors and the academia, alongside the UN/ International agencies including UNESCAP, UNODC, INTERPOL, UNICEF, UNESCO, WHO, FAO, APT, APNIC as well as other academia's such as Oxford University, in order to promote cross sectoral collaboration

Prior to ITU, Mr. Sharma has worked as an Advisor for the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), General Manager for Celcom, Malaysia and Director for Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). He also has an extensive experience working in the Television and Radio broadcasting industry. Mr. Sharma holds an MBA in Telecom Management and Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Communications (Honors).