UPDATE OF THE SOUTH ASIAN TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATORS' COUNCIL (SATRC)

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About SATRC

- Established in 1997 in cooperation between APT and ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

- Discuss and coordinate all the issues relating to regulations in telecommunications and ICT which are of common interest to the telecommunication regulators of South Asian countries

- SATRC activities are conducted by involvement of the highest level representations by the regulatory bodies of the South Asian countries

SATRC Members

consists of regulatory bodies of nine (9) South Asian countries:

- **Afghanistan**: Afghanistan Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (ATRA)
- **Bangladesh**: Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC)
- **Bhutan**: Bhutan InfoComm and Media Authority (BICMA)
- **India**: Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
- **Islamic Republic of Iran**: Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA)
- **Maldives:** Communications Authority of Maldives (CAM)
- **Nepal:** Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA)
- **Pakistan:** Pakistan Telecommunications Authority (PTA)
- **Sri Lanka:** Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL)

Chairmanship*

- **SATRC Chairman:**

  Mr. Digambar Jha
  Chairman, Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA)

- **SATRC Vice-Chairman:**

  Chairman, Pakistan Telecommunications Authority (PTA)

* elected by the 18th Meeting of SATRC, 19-21 December 2017, Kathmandu, Nepal

SATRC Action Plan

- SATRC Action Plan was initiated in 2005
- Address key issues in more focused and concentrated manner
- Provide a common charter to SATRC members for deriving the synergy of collaborative wisdom and action
- Implementation mechanism:
  - **Working Group activities**
  - **Seminars/Workshops**
  - **Capacity building**
  - **Information Sharing through web portal**

Implementation of SATRC Action Plan

- SATRC Action Plan Phase I   -   2004 - 2006
- SATRC Action Plan Phase II   -   2007 - 2009
- SATRC Action Plan Phase III   -   2010 - 2012
- SATRC Action Plan Phase IV   -   2012 - 2014
- SATRC Action Plan Phase V   -   2015 - 2016
- SATRC Action Plan Phase VI   -   2017 - 2018

SATRC Action Plan Phase VI (2017-2018)

- Adopted by SATRC-17, 4-6 October 2016, Dhaka, Bangladesh

- **2 Working Groups:** organize the meeting of each working group annually
  - **SATRC Working Group on Policy, Regulation and Services (WG PRS)**
  - **SATRC Working Group on Spectrum (WG SPEC)**

- **Capacity Building:** organize 3 Workshops during 2017-2018
  - **SATRC Workshop on Spectrum**
  - **SATRC Workshop on Recent Trend and Technologies (5G and IoT)**
  - **SATRC Workshop on Policy, Regulation and Services**

- **SATRC Web Portal:** collect information from regulatory bodies and publish on SATRC webpage for information sharing

Working Groups

- **WG PRS**:

  Chairman: Mr. Wangay Dorji, Chief Communication Officer, (Bhutan Infocom and Media Authority)

  Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Abdul Samad (Pakistan Telecommunication Authority

  Mr. Ata Mohammada Yari (Afghanistan Telecommunications Regulatory Authority)

- **WG SPEC:**

  Chairman: Mr. Asit Kadayan, Advisor, (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India)

  Vice-Chairmen: Lt. Col. Md Aminul Hoque (Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission)

  Mr. Mohsen Farmani (Communication Regulatory Authority of Islamic Republic of Iran)

SATRC Action Plan Phase VI: Work Items

WG Policy, Regulation and Services	WG Spectrum
1. Regulatory approaches to enhance broadband experiences	1. Developing spectrum roadmap in SATRC countries for future mobile broadband
2. Policy and regulatory aspects of infrastructure sharing	2. Spectrum management for the deployment of IoT
3. ICT regulatory framework for M2M communications and IoT in SATRC countries	3. Wireless backhaul – Spectrum, technology and policy consideration
4. Enhanced consumer protection in digital economy	4. Proliferation of Wi-Fi network in SATRC countries
5. Regulatory framework for mobile virtual network operators (MVNO)	

SATRC Activities in 2017

- **SATRC Working Group on Policy, Regulation and Services** : 18 - 19 April 2017, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- **SATRC Working Group on Spectrum** : 16 - 17 May 2017, Delhi, India
- **SATRC Workshop on Spectrum** : 16 - 18 August 2017, Islamabad, Pakistan
- **The 18th Meeting of the South Asian Telecommunications Regulators' Council (SATRC-18)** : 19-21 December 2017, Kathmandu, Nepal

SATRC Activities in 2018

- **SATRC Workshop on Recent Trend and Technologies (5G and IoT)** : 7 - 9 May 2018, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran
- **SATRC Working Group on Spectrum** : 25 - 26 June 2018, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- **SATRC Workshop on Policy, Regulation and Services** : 3 - 5 July 2018 Kathmandu, Nepal
- **SATRC Working Group on Policy, Regulation and Services** : 1 - 2 August 2018, Male, Maldives
- **The 19th Meeting of the South Asian Telecommunications Regulators' Council (SATRC-19)** : scheduled in December 2018, Pakistan

Conclusion

- SATRC is a unique sub regional programme in APT
- Members are providing extra budgetary contributions voluntarily for the implementation of the activities of SATRC
- Implementation of SATRC Action Plan Phase VI will be completed by December 2018
- SATRC would also like to encourage mutual cooperation with other regional associations of telecommunication regulators

Thank you

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