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FOR REGULATORS

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REGIONAL REGULATORY ROUNDTABLE
REGIONAL ECONOMIC DIALOGUE
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Regulation for digital transformation:
Accelerating inclusive connectivity, access and use

8-9 June 2021 | 10:00 (BKK time/GMT +7).

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Closing

June 9|15:15 – 15:30
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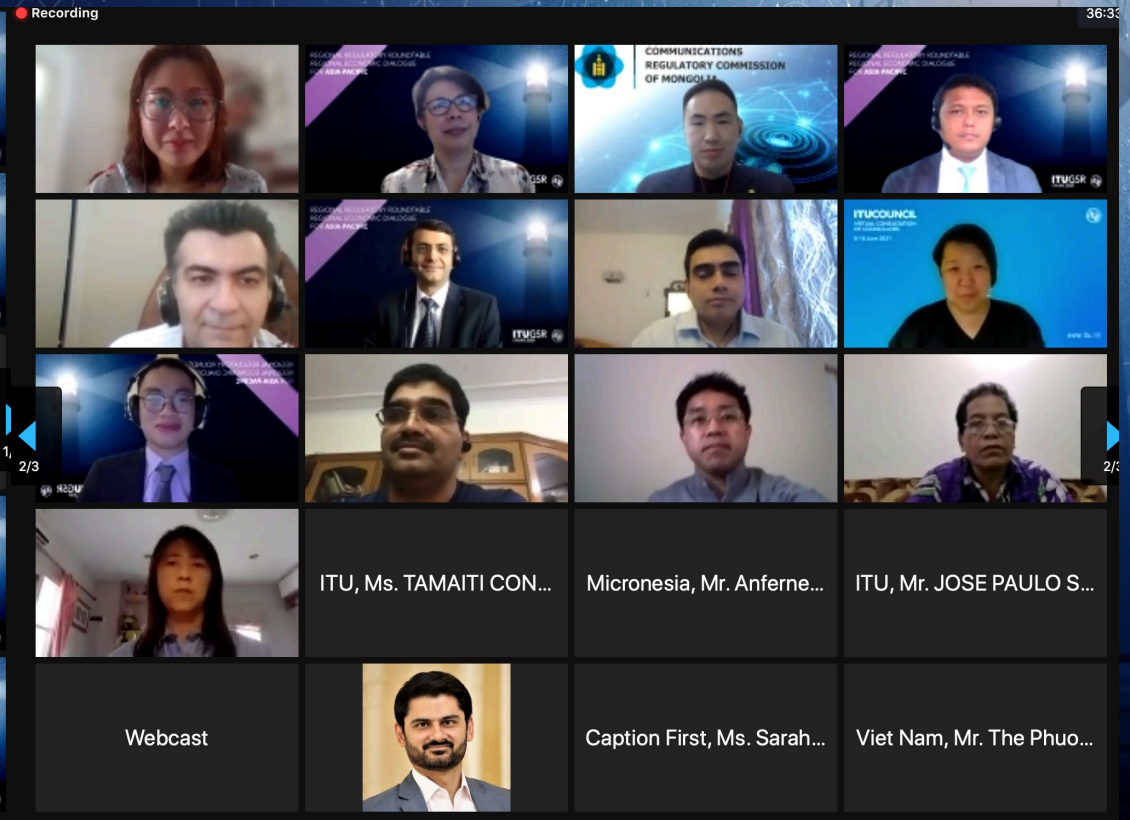
Executive Roundtable with Heads of NRAs

8 June | 10:00 – 12:30 (GMT+7)



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Opening Ceremony

8 June 2021 | 13:15 – 13:30 (GMT+7)

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GSR Roundtable 1:
Best Practices Guidelines Consultation

Regulatory Uplift For Financing Digital Infrastructure, Access And Use

June 8 | 13:30 – 14:15 (GMT+7)

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GSR Roundtable 2: Setting the Scene: Toward Collaborative 5th Generation Regulation | June 8 | 14:15 – 15:00 (GMT+7)

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Closed Session for the Sector Members and academia

June 9| 10:00 – 11:45 GMT+7 (Bangkok time)

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RED Session 1: Incentives to foster affordable ICT services by promoting investment fo meaningful connectivity in the Asia and the Pacific Region

June 9 |12:15 - 13:15 GMT+7 (Bangkok time)

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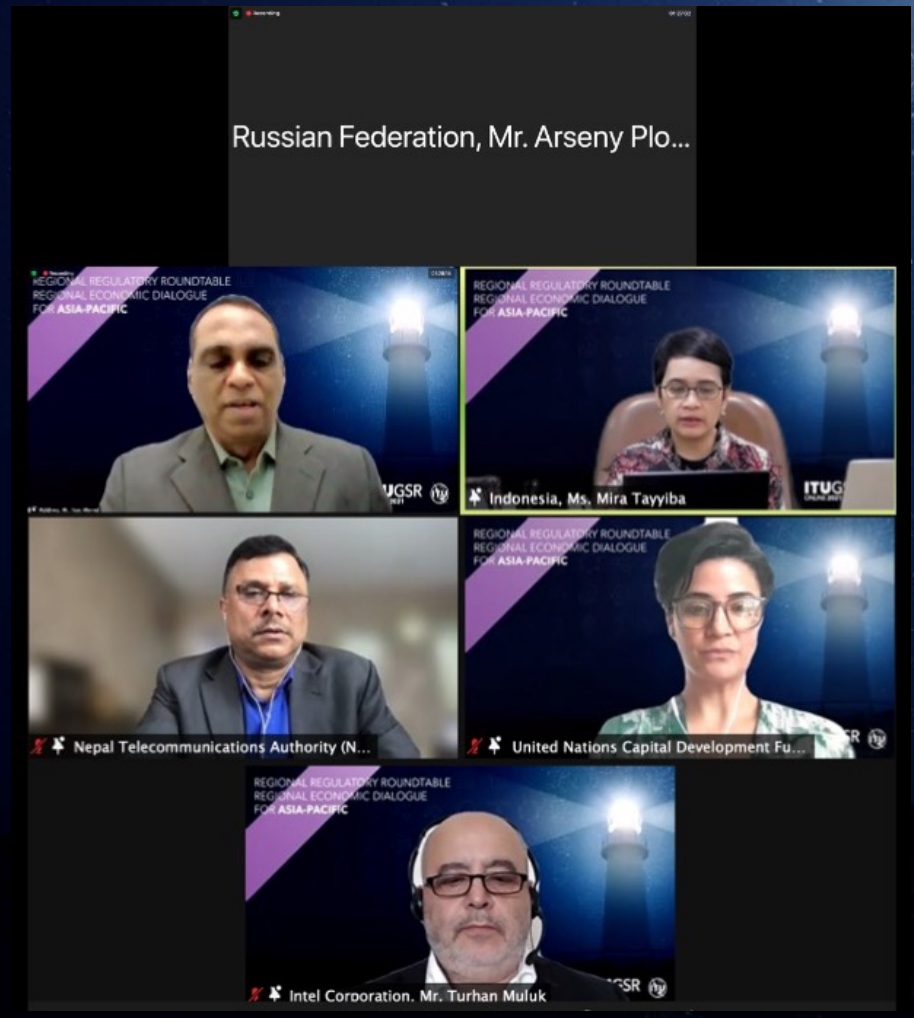
Red Session 2: Economic And Financial Approaches In The Digital Ecosystem - Effective Part[illegible]s For Advancing Connectivity And Achieving The SDGs | June 9 | 13:15 – 14:15 GMT+7 (Bangkok time)



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RED Session 3: Policies And Regulations For Critical Technologies Of The Future

June 9 | 14:15 – 15:15 GMT+7 (Bangkok time)

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Total registered participants* at the ITU GSR-21 Regional Regulatory Roundtable and Regional Economic Dialogue for Asia and the Pacific 2021:

172 registered participants (Male = 115 participants and Female = 57 participants)

Member State = 88 participants
Recognized Operating Agencies = 8 participants
Regional and other International Organizations = 9 participants
Scientific or Industrial Organizations = 10 participants
United Nations and its Specialized Agencies = 11 participants
Other entities = 19 participants
Non-member = 27 participants

**the total of registered participants is excluding the ITU personnel*

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Summary of Day 1

8 June | 10:00 – 15:00 (GMT+7)

- We can see the clear focus and need for regulatory enablers, including ITU's ICT Reg Tracker, in an era where we are making digital transformation a policy objective
- Universal service funds and national broadband funding programs have been in place but there is also a need to emphasize on innovative financing and regulatory schemes that can support infrastructure and other digital services that would drive digital transformation
- Best policy is the one that gets implemented. ICT Regulation has moved from **Obligation** to **Incentive** based with High-level Leadership and accountability gaining more focus
- Data has become basis of regulatory processes and evidence-based Policy decisions, meaning collaboration with stakeholder beyond the traditional industry and licensees.
- Whole of Govt. approach requires moving away from traditional siloed regulatory approach and new technologies especially in the Last mile
- Place digital inclusion and digital empowerment at the center of policies

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Summary of Day 2

9 June | 10:00 – 15:30 (GMT+7)

- Greater engagement to address the digital divide, improving and enhancing quality of access in the urban and rural areas, legacy processes and approaches implementing digital transformation and building digital resilience.
- Greater collaboration between government, industry and academia to accelerate connectivity through greater certainty in national policy and strategies in the area of licencing and spectrum and to develop evidence-based recommendation to support the development of policy which supports the achievement of the SDG.
- Policy and regulations are important as starting point, but business models acceptable to consumers/communities, local content/affordability beyond prices and customized and localized approach to create new incentives also needs to be considered to promote investment and meaningful connectivity in diverse Asia and the Pacific region.
- It is important to consider the wide range of available technology which supports high speed connectivity, particularly to underserve communities, that enables the digital economy and ensure sustainability with innovative financing mechanisms and digitally empowered human capital.
- Critical technologies including AI, collaborative information, governance standards surrounding data privacy and ethics, and regulatory control need to be considered.
- Information needs to be provided both to consumers, industry, and also the government policy makers to engage in this area, with academia playing a role in creating Asia and the Pacific-specific research products and capacity building initiatives.

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Emerging Technology for Connectivity: Accelerating Digital Transformation in LDCs, SIDS and LLDCs

Regional events (Africa, Americas, Arab, ASP, Europe);
BDT thematic priority (Youth, Emergency Telecommunications, Digital Networks, Digital applications, Cybersecurity, Statistics, Innovation, Connet2Recover, GIGA);
ITU sectors participation (TSB, SPM, BR); Partners events;

- July 5: Trends on emerging technology for connectivity and digital transformation;
- July 6: Fundamentals of emerging technology for connectivity, e.g, cybersecurity, networks, spectrum;
- July 7: Role of emerging technology to connect the unconnected and accelerate the digital transformation of LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS;
- July 8: Intelligent connectivity and applications (AI, Big Data, IoT, blockchain) and their impact on the digital transformation of LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS;
- July 9: Emerging technology for connectivity in the post Covid era.

5–9 July 2021

11–16 July 2021

Capacity Building

- July 11: Emerging Technology for regulators of Arab LDCs;
- July 12-14: Emerging technology for the last mile connectivity;
- July 12-14: 5G technology, co-organized with GSMA;
- July 13: Cybersecurity;
- July 15-16: Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites, co-organized with OneWeb;
- July 15-16: Artificial Intelligence, co-organized with Capgemini.

Draft Plan for Asia and the Pacific events

Time	1100 – 1200 hrs (GMT+7) Bangkok, Jakarta time zone			
Day	**Tuesday 6th July 20201**	**Wednesday 7th July 20201**	**Thursday 8th July 20201**	**Friday 9th July 20201**
Session Focus	**ASP5**: Contributing to a secure and resilient environment	**ASP1**: Addressing special needs of least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific island countries, and landlocked developing countries	**ASP3**: Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity	**ASP2**: Harnessing ICTs to support the digital economy and an inclusive digital society
Title	**Safe and Secure Resilient network solutions**	**Emerging technologies: bringing new digital experiences in remote areas**	**Advanced Digital Networks for data-oriented societies**	**Post Covid Living: Enabling an inclusive society through IoT and Smart Cities/Village**

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