

485th MHRC Meeting Agenda
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Venue: MoIC (Virtual)

Date: 18th January 2021 (Monday)

Time: 2:15 PM

Agenda 3: Action Taken Report

Sl. no	Agenda	Action taken report	MHRC directives further
1.	Shortlisted applicant for the post of Chief Air Navigation and Communication Officer under the Air Navigation Service Division, Department of Air Transport (DoAT) .	<p>The 484th MHRC directed HRD to schedule the selection interview dates for the Chief Transport Officer, RSTA and Chief Air Navigation and Communication Officer, DOAT on the same date. HRD to explore if the selection interview can be done virtually and to confirm the panel members.</p> <p><i>HRD has written to ESMD,RCSC vide letter no. MoIC/HRD-32/2021/226 dated 14th January 2021 requesting representation from RCSC and to</i></p>	<i>Noted</i>

		<p><i>explore if the selection interview could be conducted virtually until lockdown restrictions are eased.</i></p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Follow up of 480th MHRC dated 14 December 2020</p> <p>Purpose: Commission on Science and Technology for Development Intersessional Panel Meeting</p> <p>Institute/Country: ITU, Switzerland, Geneva</p> <p>Source of Funding: Virtual</p> <p>Start & End Date/Duration: 18–22 January 2021 (1 to 3 p.m. (Central European Time))</p> <p>Nominations: To be sent to MoH as it is relevant to them</p> <p>Recommended <i>DITT recommended ICTM to share the details to MoH for nomination</i></p>	<p><i>DITT had recommended ICTM to share the details to MoH for nomination</i></p> <p>Ministry of Health has conveyed that all their Information and Communication Officers (ICTOs) are either on tour or engaged in other works</p> <p><i>The 482nd MHRC directed DITT to identify alternative nominations.</i></p> <p><i>HRD did not receive any nominations from DITT. The 483rd MHRC further directed HRD to follow up on the nominations from DITT</i></p> <p><i>DITT was directed to submit nomination in the next MHRC</i></p> <p><i>* DITT has nominated the following official to attend the meeting</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lobzang Jamtsho, Chief ICTO 	<p><i>Approved</i></p>

		<p>Application Development Division</p> <p>2. Sonam Jamtsho, Application Management Division and One from ICTM</p> <p><i>*Mr. Sonam Penjor, Offtg. Chief ICTO is nominated in place of Mr. Sonam Jamtsho, since he is currently attending another training</i></p>	
3	<p>Purpose: BDT/DNS/EET/DM/174 - Invitation to the information session and virtual launch of the “ITU online training modules on emergency telecommunications”,</p> <p>Institute/Country: ITU, Geneva</p> <p>Source of Funding: e-learning program</p> <p>Start & End Date/Duration: 20 January 2021, 14:30 - 16:00 (CET)</p> <p>Nominations:</p>	<p><i>The 484th MHRC directed DITT to review and nominate</i></p> <p><i>HRD received the following nominations from DITT:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Mr. Sonam Phuntsho, Chief ICTO, DoTS</i> <i>2. Mr. Thuenzang Choephel, Engineer, DoTS</i> 	<i>Approved</i>
4	<p>Purpose: Invitation to the 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-21</p> <p>Institute/Country: APT Secretariat WTDC, Thailand</p> <p>Source of Funding: e-learning program</p> <p>Start & End Date: 24-26 February 2021 (virtual/online)</p>	<p><i>The 484th MHRC directed DITT and PPD to review and nominate</i></p> <p><i>HRD received the following nominations from PPD:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Mr. Khandu Dorji, Sr. Planning Officer</i> <i>2. Mr. Sonam Dorji, Sr. Legal Officer</i> 	<i>Nominations from PPD to be reviewed along with nominations from DITT. MHRC directed HRD to follow up on the nominations from DITT.</i>

	<p>meeting) Nominations:</p>	<p>2. Mr. Pem Tshering, Legal Officer</p> <p><i>*DITT has not discussed the nomination during the DHRC</i></p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Purpose:Third Meeting of the SAARC Ministers of Science and Technology and its preceding Senior Officials' Meeting</p> <p>Institute/Country: SAARC, Kathmandu</p> <p>Source of Funding:e-learning program</p> <p>Start & End Date/Duration:First half of 2021</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed HRD to submit this invitation to Hon'ble Lyonpo and Dasho secretary for instructions.</i></p> <p>*HRD did not receive any further instructions from Hon'ble Lyonpo. HRD awaiting for Hon'ble Lyonpo's directive</p> <p><i>MHRC directed DITT to draft a response to MFA taking note of the current challenges due to COVID-19.</i></p> <p>HRD was instructed by Hon'ble Lyonpo to inform MFA that the Ministry would not be able to host the meeting this time</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>

due to the pandemic.

HRD has written to MFA, focal, SAARC Division informing of Lyonpo's instruction via email dated 13 January 2021 conveying that the Ministry of Information and Communication is unable to host the above meeting owing to the current situation and the increasing COVID-19 cases in Bhutan. However, Hon'ble Lyonpo also instructed that, once the situation subsides, Bhutan will look forward to hosting the Ministers of SAARC Meeting in the near future.

Further HRD requested the Department of Regional Cooperation (DoRC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs to kindly convey the above to the SAARC Secretariat.

6	<p>Purpose:Circular BDT/DKH/CSTG-12 - 4th annual meetings of ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2, to be held in virtual format</p> <p>Institute/Country:ITU,Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Source of Funding: Virtual</p> <p>Start & End Date/Duration:Group-1 from 22-26 March and Group-2 from 15-19 March 2021</p>	<p><i>The 482nd MHRC directed PPD and DITT to discuss and nominate.</i></p> <p><i>HRD received nomination from PPD :</i></p> <p><i>1. Pema Chetsho, Sr. Research Officer, PPD</i></p> <p><i>DITT has not discussed their nomination.</i></p> <p><i>The 483rd MHRC approved the nomination from PPD. MHRC further directed HRD to follow up on the nomination from DITT.</i></p> <p><i>* DITT informed HRD that the nominations have been deferred to the next DHRC, Divisions to review and provide suggestions and nominations during the next MHRC.</i></p>	<p><i>HRD to follow up on the nominations with DITT</i></p>

	<p>Purpose: 27th Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-27) Institute/Country: APT, Thailand Source of Funding: Virtual Start & End Date: 22-30 March 2021 Nominations:</p>	<p><i>The 484th MHRC directed DITT to review and nominate</i></p> <p><i>* DITT informed HRD that the nominations have been deferred to the next DHRC, Divisions to review and provide suggestions and nominations during the next MHRC.</i></p>	<p><i>HRD to followup on the nominations with DITT</i></p>
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Agenda 4: Invitation/Offer

Sl. No	Agenda	Background/Recommendations/Trainings attended in the last 6 months	MHRC Deliberation and Decision
4.1	<p>Purpose: Invitation to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2021: Calls to Action Institute/Country: ITU, Geneva Source of Funding: e-learning program Start & End Date/Duration: 17-21 May 2021</p>	<p>WSIS Forum 2021 will be held from 17-21 May 2021, the Agenda and Programme of the Forum will be built on the basis of the submissions received during the Open Consultation Process (OCP). The Open Consultation process aims at ensuring a participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum.</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed HRD to forward the invitation to DITT for further review.</i></p>

		<p>This process actively engages multi stakeholders in the preparatory process to ensure broad ownership and further improvements of the Forum. The Open Consultation Process will include a collection of inputs from regional and national WSIS related events</p>	
<p>4.2</p>	<p>Purpose: ITU Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia and the Pacific for the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21), Institute/Country: ITU, Geneva Source of Funding: e-learning program Start & End Date/Duration: 9-10 March 2021</p>	<p>The World Telecommunication Development Conference 2021 (WTDC-21) invites to participate in the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Asia and the Pacific region (RPM-ASP), which will take place virtually, on 9-10 March 2021.</p> <p>The WTDC takes place every four years in the period between two Plenipotentiary Conferences to consider topics, projects and programmes relevant to telecommunication development. WTDCs set the strategies and objectives for the development of telecommunications and information and communication</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed HRD to forward the invitation to DITT for further review</i></p>

		<p>technologies (ICTs), providing future direction and guidance to the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D). WTDC-21 will be hosted by the Government of Ethiopia and take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 8 to 19 November 2021.</p>	
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