

**497th MHRC Meeting Agenda**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Venue: MoIC**

**Date: 19th April 2021 (Monday)**

**Time: 2:15 PM**

**Agenda 3: Action Taken Report**

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1	<p><b>495th HRC dated 5th April, 2021</b>  <b>Purpose:</b> Invitation to the Fourth Biennial Meeting of the Working Group on Dry Ports  <b>Institute/Country:</b>UN-ESCAP, Bangkok  <b>Source of Funding:</b> NA/Virtual Workshop.  <b>Start/End Date/Duration:</b> 2-3 June 2021.</p> <p><b>DEPARTMENT: RSTA</b></p> <p><b>Nominations:</b>  1. Ms. Sonam Wangmo, Assistant Engineer,</p>	<p>The invitation was extended to the Ministry by the Secretariat of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).</p> <p>The meeting of the working group will discuss on the policies and issues relating to dry ports of International importance, especially in the context of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on International transport connectivity, the progress towards integrating these dry ports into International intermodal transport corridors and measures to increase efficiency of multimodal transport operations, including harmonization of related legal frameworks.</p> <p><i>HRD was informed by MoEA that the</i></p>	<p><i>HRD to follow up on the nominations from MoEA</i></p>

	<p>Transport Management Division.</p> <p>2. Mr. Leki Choda, Planning Officer, Transport Development Division.</p>	<p><i>nomination will be conveyed in the next MHRC</i></p>	
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#### Agenda 4: Short Term Training

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4.1	<p><b>Purpose:</b> The Road to Addis - Finance Connect: Innovative Ways to Finance Connectivity (fourth virtual event)</p> <p><b>Institute/Country:</b> ITU, Geneva</p> <p><b>Source of Funding:</b> NA as it is a Virtual event</p> <p><b>Start &amp; End Date/Duration:</b> 28 April 2021</p> <p><b>Time:</b>-15:00 to 16:15 CET (8 pm in Bhutan)</p> <p><b>Department:</b> DITT</p> <p><b>Nomination:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Karma Sangay, Chief Program Officer, (EID: 200701070), Infrastructure Infrastructure Division</li> <li>2. Thaye Choden, Sr. ICTO (EID: 20150105100), DOTS</li> </ol>	<p>The Road to Addis, a series of events hosted by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), was launched in November 2020 to build momentum towards the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) 2021, strengthen partnerships and engagement, and help shape, with key stakeholders, the connectivity agenda.</p> <p>The session is to motivate participants to explore new models of financing to ensure universal, meaningful and sustainable connectivity and discuss the role of new and non-traditional actors and the international community.</p> <p>The event will also give us the opportunity to discuss the additional challenges faced by the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).</p> <p><a href="#">Event Webpage</a></p> <p><b>No obligation as per the RCSC guidelines for Implementing e-learning programs.</b></p>	<p><i>Approved</i></p>

<p><b>4.2</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Invitation to the Virtual/Online Meeting for the 1st Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for PP-22 (APT PP22-1).</p> <p><b>Institute/Country:</b> Bangkok, Thailand</p> <p><b>Source of Funding:</b> NA as it is a Virtual Meeting.</p> <p><b>Start &amp; End Date/Duration:</b> 1st July, 2021</p> <p><b>Time:-</b></p> <p><b>Department:</b> DITT</p> <p><b>Nomination:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Karma Tenzin, Dy Chief ICTO, (EID:200801089), InfraDivision</li> <li>2. Mr. Karma Jamyang, Sr. ICTO (EID: 201201047) DoTs</li> </ol>	<p>APT PP22-1 to initiate the preparatory process of the APT for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 (PP-22).</p> <p>APT PP22-1 is expected to conduct the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To elect Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Preparatory Group;</li> <li>2. To form the structure of the APT Preparatory Group for PP-22;</li> <li>3. To nominate office bearers of the Preparatory Group based on the structure; To develop Working Methods of the Preparatory Group for PP-22;</li> <li>4. To develop a Work Plan for PP-22, and</li> <li>5. To have a discussion on the status of any important follow-up issues from the last Plenipotentiary Conference.</li> </ol> <p><i>Representative(s) from your administration/ organization who are involved in the preparation for ITU Plenipotentiary attend the meeting, which will be organized virtually via the Zoom meeting platform</i></p> <p><b>No obligation as per the RCSC guidelines for Implementing e-learning programs.</b></p>	<p><i>Approved</i></p>
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<p><b>4.3</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Developing the strategies and plans for professionalising the public service</p> <p><b>Institute/Country:</b> Singapore Polytechnic International</p> <p><b>Source of Funding:</b> NA as it is a Virtual Workshop</p> <p><b>Start &amp; End Date/Duration:</b> 17-21 May 2021</p> <p><b>Time:-</b></p> <p><b>Department:</b> DITT</p> <p><b>Nomination:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mrs. Chungku, (EID:200901199), Dy. Chief ICT Officer, ICTM Division</li> <li>2. Mr. Jigme Lhendup, (EID:20160106448), ICT Officer, Infrastructure Division</li> <li>3. Ms. Sonam Choden, (EID:20200217198), Asst ICTO, Tech Industry Development Division</li> <li>4. Ms. Sonam Choki, (EID:200901133), Sr ICTO, BtCIRT Division</li> <li>5. Ms. Ugyen Lhamo,</li> </ol>	<p>The RCSC in collaboration with the Singapore Polytechnic International (SPI) will be organizing a five day virtual workshop on <i>Developing the strategies and plans for professionalising the public service</i> from 17-21 May and subsequent 4 rounds of workshop.</p> <p>These workshops will enable participants to develop and implement a systematic approach for assessment and certification bodies for different professions in the civil service. Participants will have to attend all workshops and carry out various assignments in between the workshops. This program will help the Ministry in institutionalization and implementation of an Assessment and Certification Council for ICT Officers in future. In this regard, the RCSC would like to request you to kindly nominate four ICT Officers to attend the workshops. Please submit the nomination latest by <b>23 April 2021</b> as per the attached format. The venue of the workshop will be communicated to participants via email.</p> <p><b>No obligation as per the RCSC guidelines for Implementing e-learning programs.</b></p>	<p><i>Nominations from DITT approved and HRD to coordinate with other Departments for nomination.</i></p>
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	(EID:20180211559), APO, ICTM Division		
4.4	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 7th <u>e-Governance Conference</u>  <b>Institute/Country:</b> Tallinn, Estonia  <b>Source of Funding:</b> NA as it is a Virtual Meeting  <b>Start &amp; End Date/Duration:</b> 18-20 May 2021  <b>Time:-</b> online (GMT+3)</p> <p><b>Department:</b> DITT  <b>Nomination:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Lobzang Jamtsho, Chief ICTO, Application Development Division.</li> </ol>	<p>The year 2020 put government online services and communication capabilities to the ultimate test, having to meet the heightened expectations and increased demand. But the pandemic has also been the biggest “advocate” and accelerator for digital transformation. Governments and local authorities now have stronger political will to develop online services and raise citizens’ awareness. Related to that important questions have risen: ethical dilemmas, legal issues related to data collection and storage, privacy and trust – in other words, the emergence of digital responsibility.</p> <p>The conference is for Public sector decision-makers and strategists from countries implementing national e-governance strategies</p> <p>Donor organisations supporting the development of open, transparent and efficient governance practices via IT solutions</p>	<p><i>Nomination from DITT approved and nominations from PPD and other Departments to be discussed if relevant.</i></p>

		<p>Business community developing e-governance applications and assisting governments with their implementation</p> <p><b>No obligation as per the RCSC guidelines for Implementing e-learning programs.</b></p>	
4.5	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Nomination of Members for the Correspondence Group on Restructuring of the APT Wireless Group</p> <p><b>Department:</b> DITT</p> <p><b>Nomination:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Cheki Dorji, (EID:20150105024), Dy. Executive Engineer, Department of Telecom and Space.</li> </ol>	<p>As per the 27th Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-27) which was held virtually from 22 to 30 March 2021. AWG-27 agreed to establish the Correspondence Group (CG) on Restructuring once again.</p> <p>According to the ToR, the CG will work mainly through e-mail and online basis between the AWG-27 and AWG-28 meetings. The issues for discussion in the CG are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a draft AWG structure taking into account the current structure of AWG.</li> <li>• Develop draft terms of reference for Working Groups, Sub-Working Groups and Task Groups, as necessary.</li> <li>• Develop a draft document on “Focus of AWG work”.</li> <li>• Provide the drafts on above for the consideration of AWG-28.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>The last date for nomination is the 16th of April 2021</i></b></p>	<i>Approved</i>

<p><b>4.6</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> APT Web Dialogue (5G and IoT: applications and policy solutions- “Technology” category)  <b>Institute/Country:</b> APT, Bangkok.  <b>Source of Funding:</b> NA as it is a Virtual event.   <b>Date &amp; time:</b> 17 May 2021 at 10.00 hrs. (Bangkok Time)   <b>To be shared with the divisions in DITT and interested to attend</b></p>	<p>In order to adequately respond to the rapidly changing ICT environment and the increasing demands for learning new services, technologies and business trends, APT has initiated “APT Web Dialogue” with the objective to provide opportunities to learn any topics of APT members' interest that could facilitate their professional works and supplement the existing APT Work Programmes. Under this initiative, APT plans to invite eminent speakers and/or panellists in the fields including academia, policy, technology, and industry (“APT&amp;I”). The participants can learn insights of academic analysis, exchange policy and regulatory views, deepen technology understanding, and widen business perspectives. There could also be thematic dialogues such as 5G, cybersecurity, etc. A dialogue is to be organized virtually for 60-90 minutes at one time.</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed PPD, DITT, ICTD, MoIC and BICMA to discuss on the nominations</i></p>
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**Agenda 5: Invitations/Offer**

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<p><b>5.1</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Invitation to the second Inter-Regional Meeting (IRM-2) to prepare for the 2021 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21),  <b>Institute/Country:</b> ITU, Geneva  <b>Source of Funding:</b> NA as it is a Virtual event.  <b>Start/End Date/Duration:</b> 12-13 May 2021, Virtual</p>	<p>The Ministry received invitation to the second Inter-Regional Meeting (IRM-2) to prepare for the 2021 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21), which will take place virtually, from 12 to 13 May 2021.  Very fruitful discussions took place during IRM-1, on 11 March, which are reflected in the meeting's report on the IRM-1 website.  IRM-2 will be a two-day meeting that will give ITU-D membership the opportunity to continue the conversation to work toward consensus on key issues ahead of WTDC-21. By the time of IRM-2, all six Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs) will have taken place. Building on the work of the TDAG Working Group on Resolutions, Declaration and Thematic Priorities (TDAG-WG-RDTP), inter-regional discussions will allow for the identification of common positions on issues such as the thematic priorities, the revision of or new resolutions, study group Questions and the Declaration.</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed HRD to forward the invitation to DITT.</i></p>
<p><b>5.2</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Invitation to 9th Biennial Meeting of the Working Group on the Asian Highway Network.  <b>Institute/Country:</b> UN ESCAP  <b>Source of Funding:</b> NA as it is a Virtual Meeting  <b>Start/End Date/Duration:</b> 16-17 June 2021.</p>	<p>The Ministry received an invitation to attend the 9th Biennial Meeting of the working group on the Asian Highway Network.  The secretariat of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) presents its compliments to its member States and has the honour to refer to the ninth Biennial Meeting of the Working Group on the Asian Highway Network, to be convened in accordance with Article 7(2) of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed HRD to forward the invitation to PPD and RSTA for nomination and also to further discuss with MoWHS.</i></p>

		<p>Network on 16 and 17 June 2021 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok to consider the implementation of the Agreement and any amendments proposed by the Parties.</p> <p>In response to the situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to ensure the required social distancing measures to mitigate public health risks associated with group gatherings, the meeting will be held virtually via videoconference. Bangkok-based representatives from member States and international organizations may participate in person at the United Nations Conference Centre, based on the prevailing local circumstances at the time of the meeting.</p> <p>The Working Group will also serve to advance discussions on further development and operationalization of the Asian Highway Network, especially in the context of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on international transport connectivity, including measures to achieve a seamless and more sustainable freight transport sector in Asia and the Pacific and to improve the regional response to the ongoing and future disruptive events.</p> <p>The secretariat invites the member States to nominate representatives to participate in the meeting.</p> <p>Furthermore, the secretariat would be grateful if the member States could submit, by <b>30 May 2021</b>.</p>	
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<p><b>5.3</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> “Smart Nation: Strategies, Opportunities, and Cybersecurity Management”.</p> <p><b>Institute/Country:</b> Singapore.</p> <p><b>Source of Funding:</b>NA as it is a Virtual Meeting.</p> <p><b>Start/End Date/Duration:</b></p> <p>17th-21st May 2021</p>	<p>The Ministry received an invitation from RCSC for the nomination to attend e-learning course on “Smart Nation: Strategies, Opportunities, and Cybersecurity Management” vide letter no.RCSC/HRD-46.1/2021/3262 dated 19th April, 2021.</p> <p>In this regard, the Ministry is requested to kindly nominate one (1) eligible/relevant official from the Department of Information Technology and Telecom (DITT). The nominated candidate has to complete the online process and a copy of application form (downloaded version) needs to be submitted to HRDD, RCSC latest by <b>22 April 2021</b> for onward submission to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thimphu for endorsement by the National Focal Point.</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed HRD to forward the invitation to DITT for nomination.</i></p>
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