

Agenda of 520th MHRC Meeting
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Venue: MoIC

Date: 27th September 2021 (Monday)

Time: 2:15 PM

Agenda 3: Action Taken Report of 519th MHRC.

Sl. No.	Agenda	Action taken report 519th MHRC	520th MHRC directives
1	<p>Purpose: Circular BDT/DDR/106 - Invitation to the 29th meeting of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG).</p> <p>Institute/Country: ITU, Geneva.</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is a virtual event.</p> <p>Start/End Date: 8-12 November 2021</p>	<p>HRD was informed that DITT has deferred the DHRC.</p> <p>Noted and MHRC directed HRD to follow- up.</p> <p>HRD received the following nomination from DITT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Jigme Tenzing, Director, DITT 2. Mr. Karma Jamyang, Sr. ICTO, DITT 3. Ms. Thaye Choden, ICTO, DITT <p>No obligation as per the RCSC guidelines for Implementing e-learning programs.</p>	Noted

<p>2</p>	<p>Purpose: Invitation to the 45th Session of the Management Committee of the APT and the Seminar on Progress in APT for the year 2021.</p> <p>Institute/Country: APT, Thailand.</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is a virtual event.</p> <p>Start/End Date: 30th Nov-3rd December 2021</p>	<p>HRD was informed that DITT has deferred the DHRC</p> <p>Noted and MHRC directed HRD to follow- up.</p> <p>HRD received the following nomination from DITT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Pempa Tshering, Chief ICTO, ICTMD, DITT 2. Ms. Pema Deki, Asst ICT Officer TIDD, DITT 3. Sonam Dorji, Sr legal officer, PPD MoIC 4. Karma Geley, Dy,Chief HR Officer, HARD. <p>No obligation as per the RCSC guidelines for Implementing e-learning programs.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Purpose: Virtual Regional Workshop on Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Urban Passenger Transport: Preparing for Post-Pandemic Mobility in Asia.</p> <p>Institute/Country: ESCAP, Thailand.</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is a virtual event.</p> <p>Start/End Date:28-29 October 2021</p> <p>Last date for nomination: 15 October 2021</p>	<p>RSTA for nomination and to consider nomination from PPD, MoIC.</p> <p>HRD was informed that RSTA will submit the nomination in the next MHRC.</p>	<p>Noted and PPD and RSTA to submit nomination in next hrc</p>

Agenda 4: Short Term Training

Sl No.	Agenda:	Background/Trainings attended in the last 6 months	MHRC further directives
4.1	<p>Purpose: Invitation as a Panelist for ‘Development of Robotics and AI in South Asia: Opportunities for Collaboration</p> <p>Institute/Country: MOEST, Nepal</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is a virtual event.</p> <p>Start/End Date: 24 September 2021</p> <p>Nomination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Yeshey Choden, Engineer, DITT <p>Online approval from the MHRC members was sought vide email dated 24 September 2021</p> <p>No obligation as per the RCSC guidelines for Implementing e-learning programs.</p>	<p>The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology[MOEST], Nepal Government is going to celebrate the 9th National Science Day. MOEST prepared a celebration plan where the Robotics Association of Nepal[RAN] was requested to organize a webinar on Robotics and AI. RAN, the Good City Foundation and The Policy Times in support of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology now jointly organize a Robotics and AI webinar on “Development of Robotics and AI in South Asia: Opportunities for Collaboration “ on 24th September 2021.</p> <p>The goal of the webinar is to share the South Asian perspective from National and International Robotics and AI leaders on the development of Robotics and AI in South Asia and Opportunities for Collaboration. As part of efforts to facilitate discussion on how science, technology and innovation could contribute to stopping COVID19, explore the potential of Robotics and AI for the emerging economies like Nepal, what programs and plans can help Nepal and South Asian Countries to fulfil their true potential, this webinar is being organized as a celebration of 9th National Science Day.</p>	<p><i>Approved and noted.</i></p>

<p>4.2</p>	<p>Purpose: Rural Broadband Policy Framework Regional Workshop</p> <p>Institute/Country:</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is a virtual event</p> <p>Start/End Date: 6th October 2021</p> <p>Nominations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sonam Phuntsho, Chief ICTO, DoTS,DITT 2. Cheki Dorji, ICTO,DoTS, DITT 3. Sonam Lhamo, Sr. ICTO, AMD,DITT 4. Infrastructure. <p>No obligation as per the RCSC guidelines for Implementing e-learning programs.</p>	<p>The <u>Alliance for Affordable Internet</u>, an initiative of the <u>World Wide Web Foundation</u> will be conducting a regional workshop for policymakers and covering different elements of the <u>Rural Broadband Policy framework</u>.</p> <p>The programme will include training plans, presentations, <u>selected case studies of good practices</u> that illustrate the elements of the RBFF, workshop exercises that address lack of access, gender gaps, urban-rural gaps, along with supporting materials and policy advice to policymakers.</p> <p>The 2-3 hrs module online workshop is designed for key stakeholders (including policymakers, regulators, community organizations, etc.) to increase their understanding of and ability to successfully use the RBPF to bring online those who are consistently left behind from rural and remote areas.</p> <p>The course will focus on three key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction and overview of Rural Broadband Policy Framework (RBPF) ● Development of RBPF ● Eight elements of RBPF 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pema Choetso, Sr.Research Officer, PPD, MoIC. 2. The DITT Director submitted that there will be no nomination from Infrastructure due to other engagement.
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<p>4.3</p>	<p>Purpose: Training Course on Security Measures for the Era of Artificial Intelligence, Institute/Country: NJUPT Nanjing, China.</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is a virtual event</p> <p>Start/End Date: 10-16 November 2021</p> <p>Nominations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Sonam Tenzin, Asst ICT Officer, ADD, DITT 2. Nomination to be made from Security group <p>No obligation as per the RCSC guidelines for Implementing e-learning programs.</p>	<p>The objectives of this course are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To understand fundamental & advanced digital technology in communication & computer networks based the internet of things ● To understand the latest standards and privacy protection mechanisms of IoT security industry ● To understand network information security issues and get knowledge about practical network security techniques ● To learn the latest technology and skills to protect computers, networks, programs and data from unintended or unauthorized access, change or destruction ● To master fundamental & advanced network management and monitoring knowledge ● To understand the latest development of The Internet of Things required in current innovative technology ● To learn the next generation of intelligence for big data analytics and smart systems ● To understand the Opportunities and Challenges that Big Data brought for competitive intelligence. ● To understand the latest development and trends in telecommunication technology ● To know the current status of China telecommunication technology and manufacture industry 	<p><i>Approved. HRD and DITT to discuss nominations from Security Group.</i></p>
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Agenda 5: Invitations/Offer

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5.1	<p>Purpose: Fourth session of the Ministerial Conference on Transport</p> <p>Institute/Country: ESCAP, Bangkok</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is a virtual event</p> <p>Start/End Date: 14 to 17 December 2021</p>	<p>The Ministry received invitation vide letter no. MFA-MD/ESCAP-68/775 24 September 2021 and a Note Verbale dated 15 September 2021 received from the Under Secretary General of UNESCAP Bangkok, inviting to attend Fourth\ Session of the Ministerial Conference on Transport to be held online from 14 to 17 December 2021 in Bangkok. The Ministerial Conference will be preceded by the senior official's segment on 14 and 15 December 2021.</p> <p>The Conference will among others discuss strategies for scaling up sustainable transport initiatives in Asia and the Pacific to strengthen regional cooperation, access progress in the implementation of the Regional Action Programme and consider and adopt a ministerial declaration.</p> <p>In this regard, the Ministry's participation in both the segments of the Fourth Session of the Ministerial Conference on Transport is requested. Nominations from MoIC for the Conference could be directly registered online, with an information copy to the MoFA, to issue letter of credentials as required.</p> <p>At the third session of the Conference, held in Moscow in 2016, participants adopted the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2017–2021). The Declaration and the Regional Action Programme have provided essential guidance to enhance the sustainability of transport connectivity and mobility in the region.</p> <p>The provisional agenda of the Conference as well as an explanatory note on the process of negotiation and finalization of the outcome documents of the Conference are attached for reference and further perusal.</p>	<p>RSTA and HRD to consult PS of Hon'ble Lyonpo and also to seek Government Clearance.</p>

<p>5.2</p>	<p>Purpose: Invitation to 16th session of the Governing Council of APCICT</p> <p>Institute/Country: Incheon, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is a virtual event</p> <p>Start/End Date: 25 November 2021.</p>	<p>The Ministry received an invitation vide a Note Verbale No. dated 16 September 2021 from the UNSG, UNESCAP inviting Bhutan as an OBSERVER, to attend 16th session of the Governing Council of Asia and the Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT) be held on 25 November 2021 via videoconference.</p> <p>In this regard, the MFA requests the participation of MoIC in the said Meeting, if relevant, and nomination, if any, could be directly sent to the given email address with a copy to the MFA to officially convey nominations to the UNESCAP Secretariat.</p> <p>The Council, at its sixteenth session, will review the administration, financial status and progress of implementation of the Centre’s programmes. The Council will also discuss on emerging ICT capacity building needs in the region in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the post COVID-19 future as well as provide advice on the Centre’s programme of work. Enclosed please find the provisional agenda of the Council session.</p> <p>The nomination form (enclosed) could be submitted directly to Mr. Kiyoungh Ko, Director, APCICT, via fax at +82-32-458-6692, or email atkiyoung.ko@un.org, with copy to apcict@un.org, by no later than 20 October 2021. Further information about the session, including documentation, schedule, and videoconferencing details, will be sent directly to your nominated representative once their contact details have been received.</p>	<p>DoIM is exploring membership with APCICT and further DoIM was advised to consult DITT.</p>
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<p>5.3</p>	<p>Purpose: APT Training Course on Artificial Intelligence and 5G Technology.</p> <p>Institute/Country: China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (East China Branch)</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is a virtual event</p> <p>Start/End Date: 15-12 November (12 days)</p>	<p>The Ministry received invitation vide letter no.Ref. APT/CB/4.1.1-2021/CAICT/Online 24 September 2021 for the APT training course on Artificial Intelligence and 5G Technology.</p> <p>The objectives of this course are: to learn some new knowledge and ideas of Artificial Intelligence and 5G Technology, take useful technologies back to their home countries to enhance international cooperation and communication between countries in the Asia Pacific area.</p> <p>Through theoretical learning, case study, and online discussions, trainees can learn more cutting-edge knowledge and ideas vividly in Artificial Intelligence and the 5G field. Take useful ideas and technologies back to their own countries, and enhance the international cooperation and communication between countries.</p> <p>Up to 2 participants per administration/organization have been invited to attend the training course.</p> <p>The last date for nomination is 25 October 2021.</p>	<p>DITT for nomination.</p>
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