

Minutes of 523 MHRC Meeting
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Venue: MoIC

Date: 19th October 2021 (Wednesday)

Time: 2:15 PM

Agenda 3: Action Taken Report of 522nd MHRC.

Sl. No.	Agenda	Action taken report 522th MHRC	523rd MHRC directives
1	<p>Purpose: APT Training Course on Artificial Intelligence and 5G Technology.</p> <p>Institute/Country: APT, 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: 15-26 November (12 days)</p>	<p>Shared with the Dzongkha Development Commission for nomination.</p> <p>DDC for nomination and HRD for follow up.</p> <p>HRD was informed that DDC has no nomination.</p>	Noted

<p>2</p>	<p>Purpose: Bay of Bengal Regional Trade and Connectivity Capacity Building Program.</p> <p>Institute/Country: South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) Bangladesh, Dhaka.</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is virtual.</p> <p>Start/End Date: October 2021 to August 2022</p>	<p>MHRC directed HRD to forward the invitation to PPD and RSTA for nomination.</p> <p>HRD received the following nomination from PPD and RSTA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Sonam Dorji, Sr. Legal Officer, PPD 2. Mr. Sithar Dorji, Chief Transport Officer, RSTA 3. Mr. Ugyen Norbu, Offtg. Chief, TMD, RSTA 	<p>Approved</p>
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<p>3</p>	<p>Purpose: e-ITEC Programs. The list of programs are linked https://www.itecgoi.in/upcomingcourse.</p> <p>Institute/Country: Ministry of External Affairs, India.</p> <p>Source of Funding: Gol (Virtual mode).</p> <p>Start/End Date: Depends upon the program chosen</p>	<p>HRD has shared the e-ITEC programs to all the Departments for nominations via email dated 12 October 2021</p> <p>HRD did not receive any response from DITT, DoAT and DoIM.</p> <p>Nomination from RSTA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Damchu Dorji, Sr. MVI, Lhuentse Base (Promoting leadership and entrepreneurship in post covid scenario) 2. Mr. Tashi Phuntsho, MVI, Mongar Region (Technology innovation and entrepreneurship) 3. Mr. Dorji Tshewang, MVI, Mongar Region (Big data and machine learning) 4. Mr. Thinley Tobgay, RTO, Gelephu Region (Data analytics for beginners) 5. Mr. Kinley Namgay, ATO, Bumthang (Manpower information system) 6. Mr. Tshering Dendup, ATO, Tsirang (Cyber Security) 7. Ms. Tashi Pelga, ARTO, Gelephu (Manpower information system) 8. Ms. Pema Lhamo, Transport Officer, HQ (Manpower information system) and (Data analytics for beginners) 9. Ms. Ugyen Lhamo, RLO, HQ (Data analytics for beginners) and (Promoting leadership and entrepreneurship in post covid scenario) 10. Ms. Sonam Wangmo, Asst. Engineer, HQ (Data analytics for beginners) 	<p>MHRC approved the nomination received from RSTA and further deliberated as follow:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DG, DoAT clarified that they have submitted the list to HRD and HRD to follow up and submit with;ATR. 2. Director, DoIM clarified that they are working on the nomination. 3. Offtg. Director DITT informed that the list is being announced on the DITT website, HRD to follow up on the nominations.
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<p>4</p>	<p>Purpose: Joint International Workshop on "Technology Transfer and Commercialization" (in Virtual mode).</p> <p>Institute/Country: The National Research and Innovation Agency of the Republic of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia.</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is a virtual event.</p> <p>Start/End Date: 7-8 December, 2021</p>	<p>MHRC directed HRD to forward the invitation to all Departments, PPD and ICTD, MoIC for discussion of nomination.</p> <p>HRD received the following nomination from ICTD and PPD:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Sonam Dema, Asst. ICTO, ICTD 2. Ms. Pema Chetsho, Sr. Research Officer, PPD 	<p>MHRC approved the nomination received from ICTD and PPD.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Purpose: Training Courses on Planning of effective utilization of frequency spectrum and wireless communications technology trends</p> <p>Institute/Country: JTEC, Japan.</p> <p>Source of Funding: APT, Thailand.</p> <p>Start/End Date: 12-14 January 2022</p> <p>Upto 2 participants per Organization/Agency.</p> <p>Closing date of nomination : 6 December 2021.</p>	<p>MHRC directed HRD to forward the invitation to DITT for nomination.</p> <p>HRD received the following nomination from DITT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Karma Yuden Dorjee, Sr. ICTO, DITT 	<p>Approved</p>

Agenda 4: Short Term Training

Sl No.	Agenda:	Background/Trainings attended in the last 6 months	MHRC further directives
4.1	<p>Purpose: 5th session of the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway Steering Committee</p> <p>Institute/Country: Thailand</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is virtual</p> <p>Start/End Date: 25th November 2021</p> <p>Nomination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Jigme Tenzing, Director, DITT 2. Ms. Thaye Choden, Sr. ICTO, DITT <p>No obligation as per the RCSC guidelines for Implementing e-learning programs.</p>	<p>Members and associate members are requested to nominate senior government officials from the relevant ministries and authorities mandated to develop information and communications technology (ICT), digital connectivity, technology and transformation to participate in the meeting.</p> <p>Key Agendas of the fifth session of AP-IS Steering Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Review the progress of the 1st AP-IS Master Plan; b) Review and endorse the AP-IS action plan 2022-2026; c) Review and endorse the revised Terms of Reference of the AP-IS Steering Committee and Working <p>Groups;</p>	Approved

	<p>Purpose: Digital Government and Transformation Webinar</p> <p>Institute/Country:</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is virtual</p> <p>Start/End Date: 2-5 November 2021</p> <p>Nomination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Menlam Choden, Asst. ICTO, DITT 2. Mr. Tshering Wangchuk, Asst. ICTO <p>No obligation as per the RCSC guidelines for Implementing e-learning programs.</p>	<p>The event is co-organized by the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for ICT for Development (APCICT/ESCAP), the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), and Amazon Web Services.</p> <p>The event is targeted to managers and mid-level professionals from central and local governments as well as government officials responsible for the development and implementation of digital initiatives.</p> <p>The webinar aims to provide an overview of how digital technologies can be used to improve the quality of governance and in turn contribute to the SDGs. It highlights and builds on the key principles that are considered useful for digital government strategy and policy. It also emphasizes on the need for overarching long-term strategy for guiding digital government initiatives, and the common pillars that are considered to underpin such a strategy, including digital infrastructure, digitally-enabled services, and capacity and regulatory policies.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
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	<p>Purpose: Global ICT leadership Forum</p> <p>Institute/Country: Seoul, (Govt of Korea)</p> <p>Source of Funding: Na as it is virtual.</p> <p>Start/End Date: 5th November 2021</p> <p>Nomination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Pempa Tshering, Chief ICTO, DITT <p>No obligation as per the RCSC guidelines for Implementing e-learning programs.</p>	<p>Objectives</p> <p>The 2021 Global ICT Leadership Forum aims to provide a timely meeting for the High Level Policy-Decision Makers(Ministers) to share and review the strategies for invigorating digital transformation against the backdrop of the COVID-19 Pandemic. It is regarded to be an opportunity of importance for enhancing the digital network architecture to achieve global leadership. It is also expected that the forum will not only establish a foothold for international cooperation, but also strengthen the ICT Partnership by constructing the global leadership for the digital network architecture</p>	<p>Nomination of Pempa Tshering, Chief ICTO, DITT approved and Focal Officer Mr. Pempa Tshering, Chief ICT Officer from DITT to follow up with the Secretary to finalize the presentation deck.</p>
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	<p>Purpose: In-House Training on Public Investment Management (PIM) guidelines.</p> <p>Institute/Country: Le Meridien, Thimphu.</p> <p>Source of Funding: DNB, MoF, Thimphu.</p> <p>Start/End Date: 18 October 2021(Dasho Secretary) 20-21 October 2021</p> <p>Nomination: Dasho Secretary has attended the In-house training on 18 October 2021.</p> <p>Nomination 20-21 October 2021</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Deependra Ghalley, Offtg. Chief Finance Officer, DoS 2. Ms. Ugyen Lhaden, Planning Officer, PPD 3. Mr. Sonam Dorji, Procurement Officer, DoS 4. Ms. Sonam Wangmo, Civil Engineer, RSTA 	<p>The Ministry received an invitation vide letter no: Ref.MoF/DNB/2021-22/191 dated 7th October 2021 inviting nominations from the Ministry for the In-House training on Public Investment Management (PIM) guidelines organized by DNB, MoF Thimphu.</p>	<p>Chair also informed the floor that it was relevant to HoDs and encouraged the HoDs to attend the training.</p> <p>MHRC approved the Nominations submitted. The MHRC directed That Sonam Dorji to attend with since it is relevant to his job.</p>
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Agenda 5: Invitations/Offer

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5.1	<p>Purpose: WTPF-21 - Invitation to Ministers of ITU Member States to attend the sixth World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-21).</p> <p>Institute/Country: ITU, Geneva.</p> <p>Source of Funding: Na as it is virtual.</p> <p>Start/End Date: 16-18 December 2021</p>	<p>The Ministry received an invitation vide letter dated Geneva, 14 October 2021 inviting the Ministry to the Sixth World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTOF-21) under the Theme” Policies for mobilizing new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development”.</p> <p>WTPF -21 will serve as the International platform for discussion and exchange of views on ICT policy matters, explore the power of innovative technologies to accelerate development, and support a safe, attractive, and inclusive transition to the digital economy worldwide.</p>	<p>MHRC directed PPD and DITT to discuss for nomination.</p>

<p>5.2</p>	<p>Purpose: Circular BDT/DDR/109 - Invitation to the second Inter-Regional Meeting (IRM-2) to prepare for the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), 13-14 December, Virtual.</p> <p>Institute/Country: ITU, Geneva.</p> <p>Source of Funding: Na as it is virtual.</p> <p>Start/End Date: 13-14 December 2021</p>	<p>The Ministry received an invitation vide Ref: Circular BDT/DDR/109 dated 13th October 2021.</p> <p>The meeting will give ITU-D membership the opportunity to continue the conversation and work toward consensus on key issues ahead of WTDC. All six Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs) have now taken place and IRM-2 will be able to build on the work of these regional meetings as well as of the TDAG Working Group on WTDC Resolutions, Declaration and Thematic Priorities (TDAG-WG-RDTP) and the TDAG Working Group on the Strategic and Operational Plans (TDAG-WG-SOP), allowing 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. A final IRM is planned for 14-15 March 2022.</p>	<p>MHRC directed PPD and DITT to discuss for nomination.</p>
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