

**Agenda of 527th MHRC Meeting**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Venue: MoIC Mini Conference Hall**

**Date: 15th November 2021 (Monday)**

**Time: 2:15 PM**

**Agenda 3: Action Taken Report of 526th MHRC**

Sl. No.	Agenda	Action taken report 526th MHRC	527th MHRC directives
3.1	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Invitation to the Regional Workshop on Innovative Strategies for Research Commercialization and Technology Transfer</p> <p><b>Institute/Country:</b> UN ESCAP, Tashkent, Uzbekistan</p> <p><b>Source of Funding:</b> NA as it is virtual</p> <p><b>Start/End date:</b> 24 November 2021</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed PPD to study the background paper and discuss nomination with relevant Departments.</i></p> <p><i>PPD recommends seeking nomination from DITT and BICMA as the workshop is relevant to them.</i></p> <p><i>HRD received nomination from PPD:</i></p> <p><i>1. Pema Choetso, Sr.Research Officer, PPD, MoIC.</i></p>	<p><i>Nomination from PPD approved.</i></p> <p><i>DITT and BICMA to submit nomination. HRD for follow up.</i></p>

**Agenda 4: Short Term Training**

Sl No.	Agenda:	Background/Trainings attended in the last 6 months	MHRC further directives

<p><b>4.1</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Asia Partnership Conference of Pharmaceutical Associations"</p> <p><b>Institute/Country:</b></p> <p><b>Source of Funding:</b> NA as it is virtual.</p> <p><b>Start/End Date:</b> 15th November 2021.</p> <p><b>Nomination:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yeshi Dorji, Chief ICTO, ICTD.</li> <li>2. Thinley Dorji, Dy. Chief Statistician, PPD (Offtg. Chief PO).</li> <li>3. Pema Chetsho, Sr.Research Officer, PPD.</li> <li>4. Sonam Penjor, Chief ICTO, AMD, DITT</li> <li>5. Tshering Wangchuk, ICT officer, AMD, DITT</li> </ol> <p><b>HRD sought online approval dated 10th November 2021.</b></p>	<p>The Ministry has started executing the JICA project on "Health,Medical &amp; Biobank Data Service" in collaboration with the Ministry of Health. In this regard the JICA &amp; Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (JPMA) has invited the MoIC project members to attend the " Asia Partnership Conference of Pharmaceutical Associations" for discussion on 15 November through Video Conferencing.</p> <p>HRD sought approval for an online approval vide email dated 10 November 2021. Further, it was approved by the MHRC members.</p> <p>Submitted for formal approval</p>	<p><i>Approved and HRD for further necessary action.</i></p>
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<p>4.2</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Empathy Skills Training.</p> <p><b>Institute/Country:</b> Organized by RCSC, Thimphu</p> <p><b>Source of Funding:</b> The expenses for the training will be borne by RCSC through the PSD initiative.</p> <p><b>Start/End Date:</b> 29 November to 1st December 2021.</p> <p><b>Nomination:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Sonam Zangmo, ATO, Paro Base Office</li> <li>2. Ms. Ugyen Tshomo, Admin Asst, T/phu RO</li> <li>3. Mr. Dawa Penjor, MVI, T/phu RO</li> <li>4. Mr. Ugyen Wangdi, MVI, T/phu RO</li> <li>5. Ms. Mani Rai, Telephone Operator, T/phu RO</li> <li>6. Ms. Ugyen Lhamo, RLO, T/phu RO</li> <li>7. Mr. Tashi Penjor, MVI, T/phu RO</li> <li>8. Mr. Sonam Gyeltshen, MVI, Base Office, T/phu</li> <li>9. Ms. Yeshe Wangmo, MVI, Punakha Base Office</li> <li>10. Ms. Karma Lekhi, MVI, Wangdue Base Office</li> <li>11. Mr. Pema Wangchuk, MVI, Wangdue Base Office</li> <li>12. Ms. Sangay Lhamo, Admin. Asst, T/phu RO</li> <li>13. Ms. Pema Lhamo, TO, T/phu</li> <li>14. Mr. Ngawang Gyeltshen, MVI, T/phu RO</li> <li>15. Mr. Sonam Tobgay, MVI, T/phu RO</li> </ol>	<p>The Ministry received invitation vide letter no. RCSC/CSWD/PSD-2/2021/1425 dated 10 November 2021 seeking nomination of participants for the Empathy Skills Training. As part of the RCSC's Public Service Delivery, Empathy Skills Training was chosen as one of the interventions as courtesy came out as a core component that the service users seek in service providers.</p> <p>The RCSC would like to provide training to 15 relevant service providers from RCSC. Please note that the daily services to the citizens should not be impacted by the RSTA officials undergoing this training.</p>	<p><i>Approved and HRD for further necessary action.</i></p>
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<p><b>4.3</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Joint Satellite Project Phase 2  <b>Institute/Country:</b> U R Rao Satellite Centre in Bengaluru.</p> <p><b>Source of Funding:</b> RGoB/GoI  <b>Start/End Date:</b> 23 November to 7th December 2021</p> <p><b>Nomination:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Kiran Kumar Pradhan, Dy. Ex. Engineer, DITT</li> <li>2. Mr. Cheki Dorji, Dy. Ex. Engineer, DITT</li> <li>3. Ms. Karma Yuden Dorjee, Sr. ICT Officer, DITT</li> <li>4. Ms. Seema Powdel, Asst. Lecturer, College of Science and Technology (CST)</li> </ol>	<p>The Joint Satellite Project Phase 2 will also involve visits to labs and test facilities. The 2nd phase of training will focus on developing the satellite for Bhutan--INS-2B.</p>	<p><i>Approved and for further necessary action.</i></p>
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**NOTE:**

*The RCSC has instructed civil servants to avoid ex-country short term training. Given the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to ensure safety and security of citizens, the Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC) as per decision of the 113th Commission meeting held on 2nd November, 2021, strongly discourages civil servants from travelling ex-country for short term training and other official matters, unless it is approved by the Government for representing and negotiating Bhutan's interests. Further, any travel outside Bhutan must also be aligned to the ex-country travel policy of the National COVID Taskforce.*

**Decision:** *Since the DITT is taking initiatives on joint satellite projects and DoAT is taking mandatory training as per ICAO and BCAA, MHRC directed DITT and DoAT to write RCSC for consideration.*

**Agenda 5: Invitations/Offer**

SI No.	Agenda:	Background/Objectives	MHRC directives further
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<p><b>Purpose:</b> “Virtual Conference on Asian Economic Integration in the Post Pandemic”</p> <p><b>Institute/Country:</b>Asian Development Bank Institute (ADB) and Chulalongkorn University (CU), Thailand.</p> <p><b>Source of Funding:</b> NA as it is virtual.</p> <p><b>Start/End date:</b> 9 December 2021 at 15:00-18:10 Japan Standard Time / 13:00-16:10 Thailand Standard Time.</p>	<p>The Ministry received invitation vide email dated 9 November 2021 from ADB. As this is an OPEN REGISTRATION EVENT, please note that there would be <u>NO REQUESTS FOR NOMINATIONS</u>. We would be pleased to welcome any interested parties who would like to attend the conference.</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the process of economic integration and risked reverting its progress by hindering the flows of resources such as goods and services, movement of people, and financial mobility. It has also increased volatility in the financial markets, resulting in financial vulnerability and instability.</p> <p>Against this backdrop, this virtual conference will address the impacts of the pandemic on economic integration, both regional trade and finance, and discuss new strategies to utilize economic integration for economic resilience and sustainable development. Alternative measures for global linkages will also be highlighted in relation to digitalization, technological innovation, increasing trade in services and creative products, and investment in Environment, Social, and Corporate Governance.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>This conference aims to serve as a platform that gathers policymakers, scholars, and experts from public sector, international organizations, and academia to explore and assess policy strategies and designs to strengthen regional economic integration and cooperation in the post-COVID-19 environment. It will also build a network between the public sector and academics through the policy dialogues.</p> <p>In this regard, government officials and other interested</p>	<p><i>PPD to nominate and MHRC directed the Departments to nominate based on the interest and relevancy.</i></p>
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