

Minutes of 537th MHRC Meeting
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Venue: Virtual Event

Date: 24 January 2022 (Monday)

Time: 2:15 PM

Agenda 4: Short Term Training

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4.1	<p>Purpose: APAN53 Call for sessions, presentations and other proposals.</p> <p>Start/End Date: 24 JANUARY 2022 - to be announced by 7 FEBRUARY 2022</p> <p>HRD, MoIC to share the call for proposals with MoE and RUB.</p> <p>HRD sought online approval dated 20th January 2022</p>	<p>This call is for presentations and posters, on any topic relevant to the use of advanced networking to support research and education for the APAN 53. The program committee will review those in partnership with our various working group chairs as appropriate.</p> <p>APAN 53 will again be run online, with a range of innovative interaction models across all</p> <p>Session types and demonstrating the abilities of modern collaboration technologies to deliver an engaging experience regardless of location. Submissions are sought on anything related to the use of networks in research and education in any discipline or domain. Suggested areas of interest include, but are not limited to:</p>	<p><i>Online endorsed.</i></p>	<p><i>approval Approved and noted.</i></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EDUCATION ● SCIENCE/RESEARCH ● TECHNOLOGY ● SKILLS AND AWARENESS: <p>GOVERNANCE, POLICY AND SECURITY</p>	
4.2	<p>Purpose: Invitation to attend the Ad- Hoc Informal Bureau Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS).</p> <p>Institute/Country: Thailand.</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is virtual</p> <p>Start/End Date: 27 January 2022, 13:00-15:00 (Bangkok time) - Virtual Meeting.</p> <p>Nomination:DITT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Jigme Tenzing, Director, DITT. 2. Ms. Thaye Choden, DoTS <p>HRD sought online approval dated 20th January 2022.</p>	<p>The objective of this informal meeting is to discuss the implementation of the AP-IS Action Plan 2022-2026, including operational procedures of the Working Groups.</p> <p>Session 1: Opening Session</p> <p>Session 2: Operational modality of the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway Bureau Proposed operational modality of the AP-IS Bureau</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall plan for implementation of actions 2. Organization of AP-IS Steering Committee (annual) 3. Formulation of three working groups 4. Meeting modality 5. Communication channels 6. Interactive website development 7. Others 	<p><i>Online approval endorsed.</i></p> <p><i>Approved and noted.</i></p>

		<p>8. Discussions and guidance</p> <p>Session 3: Wrap up and way forward</p>	
<p>4.3</p>	<p>Purpose: Expert Group Meeting on “Augmenting digital innovations for implementing the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018 – 2030)”.</p> <p>Institute/Country: ESCAP, Thailand.</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is virtual.</p> <p>Start/End Date: 10:30-14:00 (UTC+7), 24 January 2022, via Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Nomination: DITT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Norbu Wangdi, DoTS 2. Ms. Sonam Lhamo, AMD <p>HRD sought online approval dated 20th January 2022</p>	<p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To discuss the structure of the questionnaire survey on the implementation of Plan of Action Phase I (2018-2022); 2. To introduce the strategic theme study for the 4th Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific on the integration of geospatial information applications for our Earth and the future; 3. To receive valuable comments and advice from the participants for the study on “SPACE+ for our Earth and the Future”; 4. To share good practices by stakeholders in the region on innovative uses of geospatial information for sustainable development through augmenting digital innovations. <p>Expected Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved strategic theme study on “SPACE+ for our Earth and the Future” for integration of geospatial information applications, and design of the 	<p><i>Online approval endorsed.</i></p> <p><i>Update provided by Director, DITT noted. Nominations approved.</i></p>

		<p>questionnaire survey;</p> <p>2. Shared experiences on augmenting digital innovations for geospatial information applications:</p> <p>Enhanced collaboration among the members of RESAP and multi-stakeholders</p> <p>The Director, DITT also clarified to the MHRC that the nomination is being made in view of the Satellite engineers of DIT, being engaged in the development of the Joint Satellite at Bangalore, India currently. The meeting is to take place on 24th January, 2022 and therefore the nominations.</p>	
4.4	<p>Purpose: “Making a Global Impact in Standards Setting”.</p> <p>Institute/Country:</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is virtual.</p> <p>Start/End Date: 20th Jan 2022.</p> <p>Nomination: DITT</p> <p>1. Mr. Rinchen Choden, Asst. Program Officer, ICTMD</p> <p>2. Mr. Kinley Dorji, Engineer, DoTS</p> <p>3. Ms. Ugyen Lhamo, Asst Program Officer, ICTMD</p> <p>HRD sought online approval dated 20th January 2022</p>	<p>This session will showcase case studies from different organizations in the global standards arena, in the leadup to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA). The registration link is available here. Agenda is available here.</p> <p>This session is the 4th webinar in a series being run jointly by ITU and the Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India (TSDSI) on “Digital Technology Innovations – Case Studies From India And The Asia-Pacific Region”. This series is being run with support from the Department of Telecommunications, India and select Ministries of Govt of India and other partners from the Asia-Pacific Region. This series will run from September 2021 to May 2022 with the goal of sharing knowledge of digital innovations emerging in the ASP region, and to discover their potential</p>	<p><i>Online approval endorsed.</i></p> <p><i>Noted and approved.</i></p>

		<p>applications in different economies regionally. More information on the series, including links to the past series, is available here.</p> <p>It was also discussed during the MHRC that nomination from BICMA and the industry (Private Sectors) should be considered including other Government agencies. The Director, DITT, clarified that due to the constraint in timing, the nomination had to be made urgently to ensure attendance and accordingly online approval had been sought and endorsed from the MHRC.</p>	
<p>4.5</p>	<p>Purpose: Ninth Common Aeronautical Virtual Private Network Operations Group (CRV OG/9)</p> <p>Institute/Country: ICAO, Regional Office.</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is virtual</p> <p>Start/End Date: 25-27 Jan 2022.</p> <p>Nomination: DoAT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sangay, Chief ANSD along with an official from BCAA will be attending this meeting. 	<p>The objective of the CRV OG/9 meeting is to review the CRV implementation of APAC</p> <p>Member States for bounding the overall transition time and to optimize the cost benefits of all stakeholders within the timeline. The meeting will also discuss CRV OG Reference documents, the requirement of CRV for SWIM subscribers, CRV contract management, interregional connections, and cyber-safety/security and resilience issues. Member States are invited to share their experience for CRV implementation, operations, and CRV performance to facilitate Member States in the process of contracting CRV.</p>	<p><i>Approved.</i></p>

<p>4.6</p>	<p>Purpose: Clearance for Msc. Information Systems (AI, blockchain, business analytics and intelligence, enterprise architect, project management) under Nehru Wangchuck Scholarship</p> <p>Start/End date: 2022 intake</p> <p>Nomination: Applicant applying for the scholarship</p> <p>Mr. Dawa Zangpo, EID: 201201035 Sr. ICTO, MoAF</p>	<p>As per the scholarship announcement made by RCSC in the website on 5th January 2022. Mr. Dawa Zangpo (EID: 201201035) currently working for ICTD, MoAF is applying for Msc. Information Systems under Nehru Wangchuck Scholarship.</p> <p>The announcement link as mentioned below; https://www.rcsc.gov.bt/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/NWS-2022-Announcement.pdf.</p> <p><i>The last date for submission of application is 4th February 2022.</i></p> <p>In this regard, the ICTD, MoAF has no objection to his application for the aforementioned course.</p> <p>HRD would like to seek approval for onward submission to RCSC. The Scholarship is subject to RCSC approval.</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed DITT to review the relevance of the course and HRD to seek online approval in the interest of time</i></p>
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Agenda 5: Invitation/Offer

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<p>5.1</p>	<p>Purpose: Invitation to the third meeting of the Council Working Group for Strategic and Financial Plans 2024-2027 (CWG-SFP).</p> <p>Institute/Country: ITU, Geneva.</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is virtual.</p> <p>Start/End Date: 21-22 February 2022.</p> <p>Nomination: Relevant to DITT and PPD</p>	<p>The Ministry received invitation vide letter ref.Cl-22/0022 dated 21 January 2022 with regard to the Third meeting of the Council Working Group for Strategic and Financial Plans 2024-2027 (CWG-SFP).</p> <p>At its meeting of 13-14 January 2022, the Council Working Group for the Strategic and Financial Plans 2024-2027(CWG-SFP) agreed to hold an additional meeting from 21 to 22 February 2022 to continue the discussion on the options to further develop the draft ITU strategic framework.</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed DITT and PPD to discuss the nominations.</i></p>
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Purpose: Proposal for APT Young Professional and Students Programme 2022.</p> <p>Institute/Country:APT, Bangkok.</p> <p>Source of Funding:</p> <p>Start/End Date:</p>	<p>The Ministry received an offer vide letter Ref.APT/2022/APTYPS/2022-1 dated 21 January 2022 inviting the Ministry to submit proposals for the APT Young Professional and Student Programme 2022.</p> <p>The 45th Session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (MC-45), which was held virtually from 30 November to 3 December 2021 approved APT Young Professional and Student Programme</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed DITT for necessary action and to revert to the MHRC.</i></p>

	<p>Submission of proposal latest by 22 March 2022.</p>	<p>(APTYPS) 2022 as one of the activities of the Work Programme - Youth/ Women in ICT. The objective of the APTYPS is to encourage young professionals and students in the Asia-Pacific region to develop their knowledge and skills on ICT. It may also provide a platform to discuss and raise awareness on ICT-related issues among young professionals and students as well as APT Member administrations. In this regard, APT Member administrations are encouraged to consider organizing this year's APTYPS. This will serve as a great opportunity for the Members to promote ICT policies and initiatives to young professionals and students. Members that wish to organize the APTYPS 2022 are requested to submit the proposal to APT Secretariat by email to aptyps@apt.int preferably by 22 March 2022. The APTYPS 2022 Guideline is attached herewith for your reference</p>	
<p>5.3</p>	<p>Purpose: Invitation to the Intersessional Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group on Working Methods of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-23(APG-23IMAHWM).</p> <p>Institute/Country: APT, Bangkok.</p> <p>Source of Funding: Virtual Event.</p>	<p>The Ministry received the invitation vide letter no. Ref. APT/2022/APG23-IMAHWM/INV 21 January 2022 with regard to the Intersessional Meeting of the Adhoc group on working methods of the APT conference preparatory group for WRC-23(APG-231MAHWM).</p> <p>The objective of this intersessional meeting would be to further consider possible revisions to the APG Working Methods and to discuss in detail the issues identified that were raised at APG23-3. The output of the meeting would</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed DITT for nomination and to revert to the MHRC.</i></p>

	<p>Start/End Date: 2-3 March 2022.</p> <p>Nomination:</p>	<p>be a consolidated revised working document towards the possible revision of the APG Working Methods for consideration by APG23-4. APG23-4 may then decide to submit a proposed revision to the APG Working Methods to the Management Committee of the APT for consideration at its next meeting.</p>	
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