

Minutes of 540th MHRC Meeting
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Venue: MoIC Mini Conference Hall

Date: 14th February (Monday)

Time: 2:15 PM

Agenda 3: Action Taken Report of 539th MHRC

Sl. No.	Agenda	Action taken report 539th MHRC	540th MHRC directives
3.1	<p>Purpose: Call for nominations for the 2022 UNESCO-Russia Mendeleev International Prize in the Basic Sciences.</p> <p>Institute/Country: UNESCO</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA</p> <p>Start/End Date: Latest by 15 March 2022</p> <p>All applications must be submitted online via a template available on the web page by 15th March 2022 at the latest.</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed PPD to study the nomination and suggest a way forward to the upcoming MHRC.</i></p> <p><i>PPD recommends RUB and KGUMBS as the relevant agencies for the 2022 UNESCO -Russia Mendeleev International Prize in the Basic Sciences.</i></p>	<p><i>Approved and HRD for further necessary action.</i></p>

<p>3.2</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>Submission of proposal latest by 22 March 2022.</p>	<p><i>HRD was informed that DITT will submit a proposal to APT.</i></p> <p><i>DITT will be submitting the proposal to APT. DITT will provide update in the upcoming MHRC,</i></p> <p><i>HRD did not receive update from DITT</i></p>	<p><i>Noted.</i></p> <p><i>DITT informed the MHRC meeting that they will submit the proposal in the next MHRC.</i></p>
<p>3.3</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>Start/End Date: 2-3 March 2022.</p> <p>Nomination:</p>	<p><i>HRD received the following nomination from DITT:</i></p> <p><i>1. Karma Yuden Dorjee, Sr. ICTO, DoTS</i></p> <p><i>Nomination from DITT approved. DITT to write to BICMA for nominations since it is relevant to BICMA.</i></p> <p><i>HRD did not receive nominations from DITT.</i></p>	<p><i>MHRC directed HRD to follow up with BICMA on the nominations.</i></p>

Agenda 4: Invitation/Offer

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4.1	<p>Purpose: Presentation during Development Partners Group Meeting (9 March 2022) by DITT</p>	<p>The UN Bhutan coordinates bi-monthly meetings with development partners where the platform has been beneficial in finding opportunities for synergies and partnerships amongst the development partners. The informal set up of the Development Partners Group (DPG) Meeting, which has been around for a few years and attended by heads of agencies, has helped the development partners in prioritizing and aligning their programs and activities, and plays a catalytic role in aiding transformative development in Bhutan.</p> <p>As the country gears towards 13th Five Year Plan and also great emphasis placed on ICT development and transformation from His Majesty the King, DITT is requested to make a presentation Bhutan's ICT Vision and reforms during the upcoming DPG Meeting as detailed below:</p> <p>Day/Date: Wednesday, 9 March 2022. Time: 11 Opportunities for collaboration and support from development partners) Duration: 10 minutes containing 7-9 slides (followed by 25 minutes Q&A) Topic: Bhutan's ICT vision and reforms (may choose a different title with underlying theme of providing overview and some specifics which may provide opportunities for collaboration and support from development partners)</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed DITT for necessary clearances to be obtained from MFA and GNHC. DITT should ensure that the presentation is vetted properly from the Secretary....</i></p>

<p>4.2</p>	<p>Purpose: Commonwealth Scholarships for Masters in Mgmt & Info Systems (DL): Manchester University Start/End Date: January 2023 intake Application deadline of 28 Feb 2022</p>	<p>The Commonwealth Scholarships Commission is providing ten fully-funded scholarships specifically for applicants from lower-income Commonwealth countries. The scholarships are for study starting in January 2023 on Manchester’s MSc Management and Information Systems distance learning programme; building digital champions for development.</p> <p>Application must be made to both the CSC scheme and the MSc programme, with a deadline of 28 Feb 2022. Details and eligibility requirements at: https://www.gdi.manchester.ac.uk/study/taught-masters/funding-opportunities/commonwealth-scholarships/</p>	<p><i>Since it is relevant to commonwealth countries, MHRC directed HRD to study the relevance of the Scholarship since the invitation mentions Commonwealth countries.</i></p>
<p>4.3</p>	<p>Purpose: Invitation for AIBD/RT (Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development) Workshop on News Packages. Institute/Country: Malaysia Source of Funding: NA as it is a virtual event Start/End Date: 23rd to 25th February 2022 Nomination deadline is on or before 18 February 2022</p>	<p>The Ministry received the invitation vide letter no. R-178-MY-22 dated 10th February 2022 regarding the invitation to the AIBD/RT Workshop on News Packages</p> <p>Aims and Objectives</p> <p>The aim of the program is to introduce participants to the basic principles of a journalist's work in the online space in the era of new media. The main focus will be on the creation and production of news packages, content verification, fact-checking and exposure of fakes, as well as the main tools and sources of information used by the film crew and correspondents when creating a news story</p>	<p><i>MHRC directed DoIM to discuss the nomination. MHRC also directed DoIM to seek one nomination each from all the Media Houses.</i></p>

<p>4.4</p>	<p>Purpose: Circular BDT/DKH/CSD/115 - Report on the strategic review of the ITU Centres of Excellence programme and information session</p> <p>Institute/Country: ITU, Geneva</p> <p>Source of Funding: NA as it is virtual</p> <p>Start/End Date: You are invited to send written comments on the report to hcbmail@itu.int by 2 March 2022.</p>	<p>The Ministry received an invitation vide circular no. BDT/DKH/CSD/115 dated 9th February 2022.</p> <p>The World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) Resolution 73 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), among others, to carry out a major strategic review of the CoE programme after the termination of the current cycle (2018-2022). Updates on the CoE programme were provided to TDAG 2021 in Annex 2 of Document TDAG-21/2-E. The report may assist Member States in revising Resolution 73, in preparation for WTDC 22.</p> <p>Objectives and methodology</p> <p>While these wider capacity development initiatives have been taken into account, the present review is concerned specifically with reviewing the Centres of Excellence programme from a strategic perspective and with developing an appropriate framework for an improved programme in future.</p> <p>This represents the strategic review of the programme requested by WTDC in Resolution 73 (REV. BUENOS AIRES, 2017). The objective for this report is to review and analyze the following aspects of the programme, with the aim of developing concrete proposals for strategic modifications to the programme going forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Number of CoEs worldwide o Target audiences and training topics of Host entities for an ITU CoE (type of institutions, preconditions) o Quality assurance of content and course delivery o Duration/term of a CoE and exit criteria of Selection process of Branding of the programme o Business model of Governance model Communication and marketing model o Link with ITU's Action Plans/work across the three bureaux of Resource requirements o Implications for Resolution 73 <p>This report draws on a variety of sources, both written and oral, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • studies of ICT capacity development, including reviews undertaken by and for the ITU; • ITU reports, evaluations 	<p><i>MHRC directed PPD (ITU focal) and DITT to discuss the nomination.</i></p>
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