



17th Meeting of the South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC-17)
4 – 6 October 2016, Dhaka, Bangladesh



TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

| Date | 09:30-10:15 | 10:15 - 10:45 | 10:45-12:15 | 12:15 - 14:00 | 14:00-15:30 | 15:30 - 15:45 | 15:45-17:15 | 19:00 |
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| 4 Oct. (Tues) | <p>08:30-09:30 Registration</p> <p>09:30 Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Welcome Address by Chairman, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission ❑ Welcome Address by Ms. Areewan Haorangsi, Secretary General, Asia-Pacific Telecommunity ❑ Address by Mr. R S Sharma, Chairman of SATRC and Chairman, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India ❑ Inaugural Address by HE Mr. Anisul Huq, M.P., Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh ❑ Presentation of Appreciation Plaque by Secretary General to Dignitary ❑ Group Photograph | Coffee Break | <p>Session 1: Plenary Session: Chairman: Mr. R S Sharma, Chairman, SATRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Adoption of Agenda ❑ Chairmanship of SATRC ❑ Introductory Remarks by the Chairman of SATRC ❑ Report of the Secretary General regarding the outcomes of 39th Session of the Management Committee of APT <p>Regulators' Round Table: Evolution of Regulatory Framework in South Asia and Asia-Pacific – The Regulatory Tools Required</p> <p>Chairman: Chairman, SATRC</p> <p>This session will invite all the head of the regulators from SATRC to take part in discussion regarding the following issues listed.</p> <p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current regulatory regime in Asia-pacific and problems in regulatory framework • Emerging trends in telecom sector and challenges for the regulators • Previous regulatory efforts to cope with evolution and complex landscape • Creating a market friendly framework for smart digital economy | Lunch Break | <p>Session 2: Industry-Regulator Dialog: Enabling Broadband Access for All</p> <p>Chairman: Chairman, SATRC</p> <p>This session will invite high level representatives from regulators, developing agencies and industry to engage in dialog to ensure and improve the quality of broadband access for all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting the unconnected in emerging and matured market in South Asia – Innovative policy and regulatory strategy • Facilitate International connectivity – A challenge for land-locked developing countries, least developing countries and small island developing countries • How will the demand for fixed and mobile broadband will evolve? • How can policy makers and regulators create opportunities for higher investment in the deployment of quality broadband network? | Coffee Break | <p>Session 3: Industry Session: Regulatory Framework for Convergence Era</p> <p>Chairman: Mr. R S Sharma, Chairman, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India</p> <p>This session will invite high level representatives from industry to raise their concerns regarding the regulatory framework and development of the business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going digital: Emerging policy challenges by Mr. Tomas Lamanauskas, Group Director for Public Policy, VimpelCom • Industry perspective of a new regulatory framework for the Digital Ecosystem by Mr. Henry Parker, Manager Public Policy, GSMA • Mobile network investment: Financial returns and investing for future demand by Mr. Foong Chee Keong, Group Head, Regulatory Affairs, Axiata Group Berhad • Dynamics of business environment globally and in Asia-Pacific by Mr. Yasir Azman, Chief Marketing Officer, Grameenphone Ltd. | Welcome Dinner |

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| 5 Oct. (Wed.) | <p>Session 4: Regulatory Issues and Challenges: Regulation of Spectrum and 5G</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Dr. Syed Ismail Shah, Chairman, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step into 5G: From Today to Tomorrow by <i>Mr. Dezhi Xu, Vice President, Spectrum and Policy, Huawei Technologies Ltd.</i> • Recent spectrum auction and spectrum sharing regulation in India by <i>Mr. Anil Kaushal, Member, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India</i> • Harmonized approach towards spectrum auction in South Asia (BTRC) • Create a facilitating framework for <i>IoT</i> by <i>Mr. Joe Guan, Senior Policy Manager Asia Pacific, GSMA</i> | Coffee Break | <p>Session 5: Regulatory Issues and Challenges: Digital Inclusion</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Dr. Digambar Jha, Chairman, Nepal Telecom Authority</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biometric verification of mobile phone users – Experience of Bangladesh by <i>BTRC</i> • Digital financial inclusion – An empowering tool in developing economy by <i>Mr. Aslam Hayat, Telenor Pakistan</i> • Opportunities and challenges of telecom regulators in digital financial services by <i>Dr. Syed Ismail Shah, Chairman, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority</i> • Connecting the unconnected: Regulatory policies to maximize infrastructure development in the competitive environment by <i>Mr. Tanveer Hossain, Public Policy Senior Manager, Banglalink Digital Communications, Bangladesh</i> | Lunch Break | <p>Session 6: Report of Implementation of SATRC Action Plan Phase V</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Mr. Chencho Dorji, Director General, Bhutan Infocom and Media Authority</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of implementation of the SATRC Action Plan Phase-V • Report of the Income and Expenditure for implementation of the SATRC Action Plan Phase-V • Report of the Chairman of SATRC WG on Policy, Regulation and Services • Report of the Chairman of SATRC WG on Spectrum • Consideration and Approval of the Outcomes of SATRC Working Groups (WG Policy, Regulation and Services) | Coffee Break | <p>Session 7: Report of Implementation of SATRC Action Plan Phase V</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Dr. Mohammad N Azizi, Chairman, Afghanistan Telecommunication Regulatory Authority</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration and Approval of the Outcomes of SATRC Working Groups (WG Policy, Regulation and Services) | Head of Regulators' Meeting |

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| 6 Oct. (Thur.) | <p>Session 8: Report of Implementation of SATRC Action Plan Phase VI</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Dr. Sadegh Abbasi Shakkouh, Vice-President, Communication Regulatory Authority, Islamic Republic of Iran</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration and Approval of the Outcomes of SATRC Working Groups (Spectrum) | Coffee Break | <p>Session 9: Action Plan Phase VI</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Chairman, SATRC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals for SATRC Action Plan Phase VI • Proposed Work Items for SATRC Action Plan Phase VI • Proposal from SATRC Members for Action Plan Phase VI • Discussion on the proposed SATRC Action Plan Phase VI | Lunch Break | <p>Session 10: Plenary – The Way Forward</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Chairman, SATRC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration and Adoption of the SATRC Action Plan Phase VI • Consideration and Adoption of Other Output Documents • Date and venue for the 18th SATRC Meeting • Any other matters | Coffee Break | <p>Session 11: Closing Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Closing Remarks |