

ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Virtual Meeting for the 21st Meeting of the South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council 27 – 28 October 2020

I am pleased to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) will organize the 21st Meeting of the South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC-21) from 27 to 28 October 2020. Given the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the Asia-Pacific, APT Secretariat in consultation with the head of the regulators of SATRC Members considered that the SATRC-21 will be organized virtually with specific agenda items.

The SATRC meeting is held annually to discuss and coordinate regulatory and other related issues in the area of telecommunication and ICT that are common for the regulators of SATRC Members. The meeting will be attended by the heads of telecommunication regulatory bodies of SATRC Members and designated senior level officers. High-level representatives from industry will also attend the SATRC-21.

SATRC-21 will discuss the key policy and regulatory trends in South Asia, and review the progress of the implementation of SATRC Action Plan Phase VII. The meeting will convene regulators' roundtable, regulator-industry dialogue and sharing regulatory experiences to facilitate the development of the telecom/ICT sector in South Asia. The regulators' roundtable will be held exclusively for the head of regulators to discuss and share thoughts on important regulatory issues that require regional collaboration specifically for the SATRC Member countries. The Regulator-Industry Dialogue will facilitate the exchange of opinions among regulators and industry on the challenging issues of regulation and ways to overcome the challenges collectively. The Concept Note and Information for Participants are attached herewith for your kind information.

In this regard, I would like to invite high-level officer(s) of your organization to participate in SATRC-21. Registration can be done online at <u>https://www.apt.int/content/online-registration</u>, preferably by <u>22 October 2020</u>. Once the registration is accepted, APT Secretariat will inform Zoom meeting link, password and other relevant information directly to the registered participant two weeks prior to the meeting. Only the registered participants are entitled to join the meeting. Additional information about the meeting will be posted on the APT website. Should you require further information or assistance regarding the meeting, please contact APT Secretariat by email <u>aptsatrc@apt.int</u>. APT Secretariat will do the best to provide the necessary environment for the remote participation.

I look forward to your good support and cooperation in ensuring a successful meeting.

Yours sincerely,

(Original signed)

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Encls: 1) Concept Note 2) Information for Participants

To: APT Members (Non-SATRC Members), Associate Members, Affiliate Members, International Organizations