

ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

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Ref: APT/2023/PRF-23/INV-NF 5 April 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: The 23rd APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF-23) 20 - 22 June 2023, Nadi, Republic of Fiji

I would like to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity will organize the 23rd APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF-23) from 20 to 22 June 2023 in Nadi, Republic of Fiji with physical attendance as well as virtual/online participation through APT Zoom meeting (i.e. hybrid meeting). The forum will be hosted by the Ministry of Communications, Republic of Fiji.

PRF-23 will continue to focus its work in line with the five Strategic Pillars of the Strategic Plan of the APT which serves as the guideline for APT's activities for 2021-2023. This PRF-23 will consist of special features which are as follows:

- 1) Special Ministerial Session: A session among Ministers and/or Vice Ministers to share insights, experiences, lessons learned, policies being implemented in their countries with regard to digital government, smart nation and smart island which are in line with the objective of the Singapore Statement adopted by the ICT Ministers of APT.
- 2) Regulators' Roundtable: A roundtable among the Heads of the Regulators to share their experiences and practices on regulatory issues and identify the challenges, opportunities and possible way forward towards digital connectivity and digital transformation for sustainable digital society.
- 3) Business Dialogues: Sessions to provide platform for industry representatives to express their views on conducive ICT regulatory regime, satellite constellations and 5G developments.

In this regard, I would like to invite your Minister/Vice-Minister to be a speaker at the Special Ministerial Session and Head of Regulator at the Regulators' Roundtable. I would also like to invite high-level representatives from your administration who are currently involved in telecommunications policy and regulatory issues to participate in the Forum. The Concept Note with Provisional Agenda (Annex A) and Tentative Programme (Annex B) are attached herewith for your information. 'Information for Participants' explaining the detailed arrangement of PRF-23 will be sent at later stage.

For both physical and virtual/online attendance, registration can be done online at https://www.apt.int/content/online-registration preferably by 23 May 2023 for making necessary arrangements. Please indicate in the registration form whether your delegate will attend in person or virtually. Only the registered participants are entitled to join PRF-23.

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APT Secretariat will provide detailed information to the registered participants prior to the Forum. If you need further information or assistance regarding the Forum, please contact the APT Secretariat by e-mail aptpolicy@apt.int.

APT members who wish to submit contribution(s) to the Forum, should prepare their contribution(s) in Microsoft Word and/or PowerPoint, English version and send it to aptpolicy@apt.int. The preferable deadline for submission of the contribution(s) is 13 June 2023.

I would appreciate your good support and active participation in ensuring a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

(Original signed)

Masanori Kondo Secretary General

Encl: Concept Note with Provisional Agenda (Annex A) and Tentative Programme (Annex B)

To: APT Members (NF), Associate Members (NF), Affiliate Members and International/Regional Organizations