



ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: The 16th APT Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific (PRFP-16)
30 August - 1 September 2023, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**

I am pleased to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) will organize the 16th APT Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific (PRFP-16) from 30 August to 1 September 2023 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea with physical attendance as well as virtual/online participation through Zoom meeting platform (i.e. hybrid meeting). The forum will be hosted by the National Information and Communications Technology Authority (NICTA), Papua New Guinea, and supported by the generous contributions from Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, Australia and Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan.

PRFP-16 will be preceded by the 4th Pacific ICT Ministerial Meeting (28-29 August 2023), which would adopt a Ministerial Declaration on the theme "Connected Pacific - Enabling Aspirations through ICT". Accordingly, synergizing these events, PRFP-16 will organise its sessions based on the priority areas agreed in the Ministerial Declaration to support the development of telecommunications and ICT policies in Pacific countries and provide an opportunity to share policy and regulatory trends, and enhance their capacity to address emerging opportunities and challenges.

The sessions of the PRFP-16 will be organised on topics such as Digital Infrastructure, Digital Innovation, Security and Trust, Digital Capacity Building and Skills, and Disaster Management, which are also strategic pillars of the APT's Strategic Plan for 2021-2023. PRFP-16 will have a Roundtable for Ministers and Head of Regulators to share their recent policy and regulation issues and experiences. In addition, it will also allocate time for a Business Dialogue to provide an opportunity for the ICT industry to share their insights and experiences and for ICT policymakers and regulators to discuss new challenges and opportunities for empowering the Digital Transformation.

In this regard, I would like to invite representative(s) from your administration/organization who are currently involved in telecommunication policy and regulation to consider participating in these events. The Concept Note is attached for your information. The Information for Participants will be posted in due course on the APT website.

For physical and virtual/online attendance of PRFP-16, registration can be done online at <https://www.apr.int/content/online-registration>, preferably by **2 August 2023** for making necessary arrangements. **Only the registered participants are entitled to join the forum.** 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@apr.int.

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Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and International/Regional Organizations that wish to submit contribution(s) on the agenda items should prepare the contribution(s) in Microsoft Word and/or PowerPoint, English Version and send it to aptpolicy@apt.int. The deadline for submission of the contribution(s) is **23 August 2023**.

I look forward to your good support and cooperation to make these events a success.

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