

ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

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Dear Sir/Madam,

## APT Symposium 2023 on Inclusive Connectivity 11 - 12 September 2023, Bangkok, Thailand (Hybrid)

I am pleased to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) will organize the APT Symposium 2023 on Inclusive Connectivity from 11 to 12 September 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand. APT Symposium 2023 will be held with physical attendance as well as virtual/online participation through Zoom meeting platform (i.e., hybrid meeting). The Symposium will be hosted by the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC), Thailand.

The theme of this symposium is inclusion and connectivity, which are key pillars of the APT Strategic Plan for 2021-2023. The objectives of this Symposium would be to discuss and facilitate regional cooperation on the following issues but not limited to:

- Policy and regulatory implications and actions required with regard to emerging issues in the field of connectivity and innovation
- General policy and regulatory requirements, as necessary:
  - Analysis of impacts of new technology and service at the national and regional levels;
  - Sharing of best practices and experiences in handling new policy issues among Members.

In this regard, I would like to invite representatives from your administration/ organization who are currently involved in the related field to consider participating in this event. The Concept Note is attached for your information. The Information for Participants will be posted in due course on the APT website.

Additionally, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is also organizing the Regional Development Forum for Asia-Pacific (RDF-ASP) in close collaboration with APT. This event will follow the APT Symposium, running from 13 - 15 September 2023, in the same venue.

For physical and virtual/online attendance of APT Symposium 2023, registration can be done online at <u>https://www.apt.int/content/online-registration</u>, preferably by <u>14 August 2023</u>, 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 <u>apt-sic@apt.int</u>.

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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 and Tentative Programme

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