



ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Virtual Meeting for the 20th APT Policy and Regulatory Forum
20 - 22 October 2020**

I am pleased to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) will organize the 20th APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF-20) from 20 to 22 October 2020. Considering the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the Asia-Pacific, APT Secretariat in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the PRF considered the necessity of the virtual meeting for the PRF-20, which was also agreed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Management Committee of the APT.

During the time of COVID-19 pandemic, ICT has played an important role to combat the crisis and enable other sectors. The PRF-20 will address issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to Connectivity, Innovation, and Trust Pillars of the Strategic Plan of the APT for 2018-2020. It will include Roundtable of high-level policy makers and regulators to share experience and lessons learned from the COVID-19 outbreak, and Business Dialogue to share industry contributions in coping with COVID-19. The forum will cover issues such as online well-being and safety, new context in connectivity, and update on 5G deployment.

In this regard, I would like to invite representative(s) from your administration/organization who are currently involved in telecommunications policy and regulation issues to attend this forum, which will be organized by Zoom meeting. The Concept Note, Provisional Agenda and the Introduction to APT Zoom Meeting are attached herewith for your information.

Registration can be done online at <https://www.apr.int/content/online-registration>, preferably by **6 October 2020** for making necessary arrangements. Once 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 forum. Only the registered participants are entitled to join the forum. Should any further information or assistance is required, please contact APT Secretariat by email, aptpolicy@apr.int. APT Secretariat will do the best to provide the necessary environment for the remote participation.

Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and International Organizations that wish to submit contribution on the agenda items should prepare the contribution(s) in Microsoft Word and/or PowerPoint, English Version and in proper template, which will be posted on APT website, and send it to aptpolicy@apr.int. **The deadline for submission of contribution is 13 October 2020.**

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I look forward to your participation in this virtual meeting.

Yours sincerely,

(Original signed)

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Secretary General

Encls: 1) Concept Note and Provisional Agenda
2) Introduction to APT Zoom Meeting

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