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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: The South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC)
Workshop on Policy, Regulations and Services
28-30 April 2025, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

I am pleased to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) will organize the South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC) Workshop on Policy, Regulation and Services from 28 to 30 April 2025 in Dhaka, Bangladesh, with physical attendance as well as virtual/online participation through APT Zoom meeting (i.e. hybrid meeting). The workshop will be hosted by the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC).

The SATRC Workshop on Policy, Regulation and Services is a part of the implementation of SATRC Action Plan Phase IX (SAP-IX) for 2024-2025 which was approved by the 24th SATRC Meeting held in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2023. The workshop will focus on key topics including navigating regulatory challenges in broadband, using the Universal Service Obligation Fund for digital inclusion, advancing ICT e-waste management, tackling online scams and financial fraud, shaping future tariff policies amid network convergence, and sharing case studies on IoT, Big Data, and smart city technologies in SATRC countries. The objective of this workshop is to share insights, experiences, best practices as well as engage in dialogue to identify the challenges, opportunities, and possible way forward on the work items under the SATRC Working Group on Policy, Regulation and Services for SAP-IX in order to have better understanding on those issues. It will also provide an opportunity for the SATRC Members as well as industry to share their experiences and future plans.

In this regard, I am pleased to invite representatives from your administration who are currently involved in the related field, set for this workshop (please see the Concept Note attached herewith), to participate in the workshop. The workshop is planned and designed for mid-level and senior-level technical managers from policy makers, regulators and industry. The 'Information for Participants' explaining the detailed arrangement of the meeting will be sent at the later stage.

For both physical and virtual/online attendance, registration shall be done online at <https://www.appt.int/content/online-registration> by 14 April 2025 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 the workshop.** APT Secretariat will provide detailed information to the registered participants prior to the workshop. If you need further information or assistance regarding the workshop, please contact the APT Secretariat by e-mail (aptsatrc@apt.int).

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The administrations/organizations who wish to contribute to the sessions of the workshop, should send the contributions in the form of presentation material in Microsoft Power Point, English Version together with a short abstract/biodata to the APT Secretariat by e-mail (aptsatrc@apt.int). **The deadline for submission of contribution is 21 April 2025.**

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

To: APT members and Regional/International Organizations