



ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: The 18th APT Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific (PRFP-18)
5-6 August 2025, Suva, Fiji**

I am pleased to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) will organize the 18th APT Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific (PRFP-18) from 5 to 6 August 2025 in Suva, Fiji with physical attendance as well as virtual participation through Zoom meeting platform (i.e., hybrid meeting). The forum will be hosted by the Ministry of Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications, Fiji 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.

APT has been organizing the Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific (PRFP) since 2009 to address the ICT policy and regulatory related common interests and issues in the Pacific region. PRFP has become one of the premium forums for policymakers and regulators in the Pacific region and is a key sub-regional activity of the APT, attracting high-level participants and experts from the region each year.

PRFP-18 will discuss in various thematic sessions on 'Navigating 5G Deployment in the Pacific: Challenges, Strategies, and Opportunities', 'Building a Sustainable Connectivity Model for the Pacific-the Vanuatu and Fiji Initiatives', 'Resiliency in the Submarine Cable Connectivity in the Pacific'. The forum itself will also provide updates on recent developments and challenges in digital infrastructure, share best practices in satellite services, update information on the latest satellite technologies and explore measures to achieve digital inclusion through digital capacity building and skills development for all citizens. Additionally, it will include the "Satellite Workshop" in collaboration with the Global Satellite Operators Association (GSOA), which will provide policy and regulatory stakeholders with insights into global trends, regulatory frameworks, and practical approaches.

Through these events, we expect to enhance policymakers' and regulators' understanding of emerging telecommunications and ICT developments, including satellite services. Moreover, there will be a deepen insights and identified obstacles encountered by policymakers and regulators in areas such as 5G deployment, digital infrastructure and connectivity and resilient submarine cable management. It is also featuring a keynote presentation on the APT Frequency Information System (AFIS), which serves as a vital tool for spectrum data sharing, frequency coordination and regulatory harmonization among APT members.

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PRFP-18 will be followed by Senior Official Meeting on 7 August 2025, and the 5th Pacific ICT Ministerial Meeting on 8 August 2025. In order to synergize this opportunity, the sessions of PRFP-18 will cover critical topics to promote the implementation of the "Lagatoi Declaration" adopted at the 4th Pacific ICT Ministerial Meeting (28-29 August 2023, Papua New Guinea) and its Action Plan.

In this regard, I would like to invite representative(s) from your administration 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 both physical and virtual attendance, registration can be done online at <https://www.apr.int/content/online-registration> preferably by **15 July 2025 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 aprpolicy@apr.int.

Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and International/Regional Organizations that would like to submit contribution(s) on the agenda items, kindly prepare the contribution(s) in Microsoft Word and/or PowerPoint, English Version and send it to aprpolicy@apr.int not later than **28 July 2025**.

I am looking forward to your positive response and active participation in the Forum.

Yours sincerely,

(Original signed)

Masanori Kondo
Secretary General

Encls: 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