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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: APT Symposium on Digital Transformation and the Universal Service Fund

13 – 15 October 2026, Islamabad, Pakistan

I am pleased to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) will organize the APT Symposium on Digital Transformation and the Universal Service Fund from 13 to 15 October 2026 in Islamabad, Pakistan. The event will be hosted jointly by the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication and the Universal Service Fund Pakistan. Please note that the Symposium was originally scheduled for 25–27 March 2026 but had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. We are pleased that, with the renewed support and preparations of the host administration, arrangements have now been made to hold the Symposium as rescheduled.

The objective of the symposium is to provide APT members with a platform to discuss and explore new technologies, policies, and financing models that will ensure that digital transformation becomes sustainable, inclusive and equitable for all in Asia-Pacific taking into account the roles of the Universal Service Fund (USF) in digital transformation. The symposium aims to encourage dialogue among high level policy makers, regulators, and other stakeholders in the region on the following issues:

- highlight connectivity and inclusion gaps
- explore emerging technologies and innovative models
- discuss affordability and sustainable financing
- promote digital readiness and inclusive content ecosystems
- strengthen policy and regulatory frameworks
- foster regional collaboration and partnerships.

The Symposium will encourage dialogue among high level policy makers, regulators and industry in the region on the issues above mentioned.

In this regard, I would like to invite your administration/organization to nominate suitable representatives to attend the Symposium. The Symposium has been developed for the high and mid-level executives and officials of the policy makers, telecom regulators and industry in Asia-Pacific who are involved and have interests in digital transformation policy, regulation and management. This event is open to all APT Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members as well as International/Regional Organizations.

Registration of delegates can only be done online at <http://www.apr.int/content/online-registration>. Only the registered participants are entitled to join the meeting. **In order to make the necessary arrangements, it is preferable that the registration is done on or before 15 September 2026.** The concept note is attached herewith

for your information. Information for Participants and other logistic details are also attached for your kind arrangements. Further information can be queried by sending email to apt-susf@apt.int.

Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and International/Regional Organizations that wish to submit and present contributions on the listed topics are requested to contact Mr. Forhadul Parvez, Programme Officer, APT through email: apt-susf@apt.int.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)

Masanori Kondo
Secretary General

Encls: 1) Provisional Agenda
2) Information for Participants

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