



ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: The 19th APT Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific (PRFP-19)
4 - 6 August 2026, Funafuti, Tuvalu**

I would like to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) will organize the 19th APT Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific (PRFP-19) from 4 to 6 August 2026 in Funafuti, Tuvalu as a physical meeting with remote participation modality. The forum will be hosted by the Ministry of Transport, Energy, Communications and Innovation, Tuvalu and supported by the generous contributions from Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts, Australia and Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan.

The programme will include a roundtable on advancing digital transformation through strategic regulatory and policy interventions, followed by a session on the management and protection of undersea cables. It will also feature a business dialogue on leveraging connectivity to enhance competitiveness through innovation and entrepreneurship, as well as discussions on emergency communications and people-centered digital services in Pacific countries. Dedicated sessions will address contemporary issues, including resilient connectivity, digital government, infrastructure investments (satellite and/or submarine cable), focusing on the specific aspects of the Pacific region.

The objective of the Forum is to provide a shared high-level understanding of priority policy and regulatory approaches for advancing digital transformation in the Pacific. It will also offer practical insights and good practices for strengthening the resilience, security and protection of critical digital infrastructure, including undersea cables, satellite communications and emergency communications systems. The Forum is further expected to enhance awareness of how connectivity can support digital competitiveness, innovation, entrepreneurship, digital government and people-centered services, particularly for remote and underserved communities. Overall, the programme aims to promote knowledge sharing, practical insights and regional cooperation in support of inclusive and sustainable digital development in the Pacific.

In this regard, I would like to invite your administration/organization to nominate suitable representative(s) who are involved in telecommunication policy and regulation, to attend the forum. The Concept Note is attached herewith for your information. The 'Information for Participants' explaining the detailed arrangement of the forum will be shared at the later stage.

For both physical and remote participation, registration shall be done online at <https://apt.int/content/online-registration> by **21 July 2026** for making necessary arrangements. Please indicate in the registration form whether your participation is physical or remote.

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Only the registered participants are entitled to join the forum. The 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 at aptpolicy@apt.int.

Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and International/Regional Organizations that wish to submit contribution(s) on the agenda items should prepare their contribution(s) in Microsoft Word and/or PowerPoint, English version and send it to aptpolicy@apt.int not later than **27 July 2026**.

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 with Provisional Agenda (Annex A) and Tentative Programme
(Annex B)

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