



## ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: The 23rd APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum (ADF-23)  
14 - 15 July 2026, Bangkok, Thailand**

I would like to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) will organize the 23rd APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum (ADF-23) from 14 to 15 July 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand, with physical attendance as well as online participation through Zoom (i.e. hybrid meeting).

ADF serves as a platform for regional dialogues on Telecommunication and ICT developments, facilitates the exchange of good practices, encourages regional cooperation, and promotes capacity building in telecommunications and ICTs.

This ADF-23 will consist of the following:

1) Thematic Sessions: The thematic sessions will address emerging priorities across three strategic pillars that include Digital Connectivity, Digital Transformation, and Trust and Safety, covering topics such as national broadband strategies, AI-ready infrastructure, data sovereignty, AI governance frameworks, digital safety, and ICT resilience for disaster response. The sessions are designed to facilitate open dialogue and the exchange of national experiences and best practices among governments, regulators, international organizations, and industry representatives.

2) Sessions for EBCs: ADF-23 will also feature dedicated sessions showcasing the outcomes and achievements of ICT pilot projects implemented through Extra-Budgetary Contributions (EBCs) from Japan (EBC-J) and the Republic of Korea (EBC-K), and the People's Republic of China (EBC-C), along with an introductory session on the EBC project framework to encourage broader participation among APT Members. The Forum will also include a simple project showcase, where EBC project teams may present their work through posters and share their project outcomes with participants.

In this respect, I would like to invite representatives from your administration/organization who are involved in telecommunication and ICT development to participate in this Forum. The Concept Note with Provisional Agenda (Annex A) and Tentative Programme (Annex B) of ADF-23 is attached herewith for your information. The Information for Participants outlining the detailed arrangements will be provided at a later stage.

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For making necessary arrangements, registration for both physical and online participants shall be done at <https://apt.int/content/online-registration> by **7 July 2026**. Please indicate in the registration form whether your delegate will attend in person or online. **Only the registered participants are entitled to join ADF-23**. If you need further information or assistance regarding the Forum, please contact the APT Secretariat by email [aptict@apt.int](mailto:aptict@apt.int).  
<mailto:aptict@apt.int>

For your information, ADF-23 will be held back-to-back with the ITU Regional Development Forum for Asia and the Pacific (RDF-ASP) 2026 scheduled for 16 – 17 July 2026 at the same venue in Bangkok, Thailand. You may wish to consider this when planning your delegation's travel arrangements.

I would appreciate your support and 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