



ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: The 21st APT Policy and Regulatory Forum
19 - 21 July 2021, Virtual/Online Meeting**

Please refer to the 44th Session of the Management Committee of the APT (MC-44), which was held virtually from 7 to 10 December 2020. MC-44 approved the APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF) as one of the Work Programmes for 2021.

I would like to inform you that APT Secretariat had consulted with the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of PRF and it was decided that APT would organize the 21st APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF-21) from 19 to 21 July 2021 as a virtual/online meeting.

As you are aware, during the time of COVID-19 pandemic, ICT has been playing an important role in combating the crisis. The PRF-21 will address issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to Pillars of the Strategic Plan of the APT for 2021-2023. PRF-21 will consist of a special Ministerial Session from APT Member Administrations to share insights, experiences, lessons learned, policies being implemented in their countries with regard to the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and digital transformation, which is an objective of the Singapore Statement adopted by the ICT Ministers of APT.

The Forum will also include a special roundtable session among Head of Regulators to share their experiences as well as engage in dialogue to identify the challenging issues and how to enhance cooperation between regulators/policymakers to smoothen the deployment of 5G in the Asia-Pacific region. In addition, the Forum will have a business dialogue session which intends to provide a platform for industry representatives to share their views on the strategies to accelerate 5G deployment as well as thematic sessions on OTT and Digital Economy.

In this regard, I would like to invite representative(s) from your administration/organization who are involved in telecommunications policy and regulation to join the PRF-21. The Concept Note, Provisional Agenda, Tentative Programme and Information for Participants are attached herewith for your information. I would also like to invite your Minister/Vice-Minister to be a speaker at the special Ministerial Session and Head of Regulator at a special roundtable.

The Forum will be organized virtually by Zoom platform. Registration can be done online at <https://www.apr.int/content/online-registration>, preferably by **5 July 2021** for making necessary arrangements. Once registration is accepted, APT Secretariat will inform Zoom meeting link, password and other relevant information directly to the registered participant prior to the forum. **Only the registered participants are entitled to join the Forum.** Should any further information or assistance is required, please contact APT Secretariat by email (aptpolicy@apr.int).

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I would appreciate your good support and active participation in ensuring a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

(Original signed)

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Secretary General

Encls: 1) Concept Note, Provisional Agenda and Tentative Programme
2) Information for Participants

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