



ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: The 20th APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum
9 - 10 October 2023, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

Please refer to the 46th Session of the Management Committee of the APT (MC-46), which was held from 13 to 16 December 2022, and it approved the APT Telecommunication/ICT Forum (ADF) as one of the Work Programmes for 2023.

In this connection, I would like to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity will organize the 20th APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum (ADF-20) on 9-10 October 2023 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in hybrid format (both physical and virtual/online attendance through APT Zoom meeting) hosted by the Ministry of Communications and Digital Malaysia (MCD), and Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC). There will be also the Capacity Development Conference 2023 (CDC23) on 11 October 2023, organized by MCMC and APT, and the ADF-20 participants are kindly invited to join the CDC23 as the discussions at CDC23 would help deepen your insights on the issues of ICT development.

This ADF-20 will consist of the following contents.

1) Thematic Sessions: Information and Communication Technologies that are currently being used to close the digital gap in the Asia-Pacific region will be introduced. Various strategies and policies to accelerate the digital economy will be announced and shared. In addition, we will discuss artificial intelligence technology, which is developing at the fastest pace in recent years and will affect all industries and human lives.

2) Sessions for EBCs: A platform to share the current status, outcomes, and achievements of the ICT Pilot Projects implemented by APT Members based on the Extra-Budgetary Contributions (EBCs) from People's Republic of China, Japan, and Republic of Korea will be held. This ADF-20 includes a poster-style exhibition presenting the contents of these projects.

In this regard, I would like to invite representatives from your administration/organization who are involved in telecommunication and ICT development to participate in the ADF-20. The Concept Note, Provisional Agenda, and Tentative Programmes of ADF-20 and CDC23 are attached herewith for your information.

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For both physical and virtual/online attendance, registration can be done online at <https://www.apt.int/content/online-registration>, preferably by **11 September 2023** for physical attendance and by **22 September 2023** for virtual/online attendance, for making necessary arrangements. Please indicate in the registration form whether your delegate will attend in person or virtually. Only the registered participants are entitled to join the meeting. Once registration is done, you will receive detailed information prior to the meeting. Should any further information or assistance be required, please contact APT Secretariat by email (aptict@apt.int).

APT members and International/Regional Organizations who wish to submit contribution on the agenda items, should prepare the contribution(s) in Microsoft Word and/or PowerPoint. The contribution should be sent to aptict@apt.int by using proper template, which will be posted on APT website. **The deadline for submission of contribution(s) is 1 October 2023.**

I would appreciate your support and cooperation in ensuring a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)

Masanori Kondo
Secretary General

Encl: Concept Note with Provisional Agenda (Annex A), Tentative Programme of ADF-20 (Annex B), Tentative Programme of Capacity Development Conference 2023 (Annex C), and Information for Participants (Annex D)

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