

The 17th APT Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific (PRFP-17) took place from 3 to 5 September 2024 in Nuku'alofa, Tonga

The Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) organized the 17th APT Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific (PRFP-17) from 3 to 5 September 2024 in Nuku'alofa, Tonga. The forum was hosted by the Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change, Communications and CERT, Tonga, and attended by 103 delegates and experts from 14 Members, 11 Affiliate Members, 2 International Organizations, and 3 other organizations.



Since 2007, the PRFP has served as a collaborative platform for members in the Pacific and provided an opportunity to address ICT policy and regulatory topics of common interests in the Pacific region.

This year, PRFP-17 organized its thematic session based on the priority areas of the “Lagatoi Declaration” adopted at the 4th Pacific Ministerial Dialogue (28-29 August 2023, Papua New Guinea) to support the development of ICT policies in the Pacific and enhance their capacity to address emerging opportunities and challenges. These priority areas include Digital Transformation, Digital Infrastructure, Trust and Security, Digital Inclusion and Disaster Management, which are also strategic pillars of the APT’s Strategic Plan for 2024-2026.

PRFP-17 also featured the business dialogue where industry representatives presented services that reflect the geographical specificities of the Pacific region and explored how policymakers and industry can collaborate to advance ICT in the region.

In closing session, PRFP-17 nominated Ms. Tupou'tuah Baravilala, Fiji as the Chair of PRFP, and Mr. Stan Ahio, Tonga and Mr. Domingo Bauro Kabunare, Kiribati as the Vice-Chairs of PRFP.

As a side event, PICT Senior Officials Meeting was held on the third day of PRFP-17 to discuss the Action Plan of the “Lagatoi Declaration”.

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