

## The APT at WTSA-24

The World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly (WTSA-24) was held from 15 to 24 October 2024 in New Delhi, India and organized by International Telecom Union (ITU) and hosted by Department of Telecommunications, the Ministry of Communications, Government of India. The WTSA-24 was inaugurated by the honorable Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi on 15 October 2024. Over 3,700 delegates including 37 Ministers from over 164 ITU Member States attended the WTSA-24. The APT Members represented a substantial component of the WTSA-24 delegation. The APT's preparation for WTSA-24 was extensive and considerable, with a focus on the Asia-Pacific areas.



In 2023 and 2024, APT organized five APT preparatory meetings for WTSA-24, each of which were attended by over 150-200 delegates. APT Members endorsed 45 APT Common Proposals (ACPs) which were submitted to WTSA-24. APT provided a significant number of regional experts for different office bearers positions of WTSA-24. Dr. Hyoung Jun Kim (Republic of Korea), Chair of the APT WTSA-24, was elected as one of the Vice-Chairs of WTSA-24. APT Members provided a number of experts as Vice-Chairs of various committees and Chairs of various Working Groups and Adhoc Groups of the Assembly that dealt with different topics of the assembly.

A series of APT Coordination Meetings were organized during the Assembly to coordinate various topics among APT. APT's ACP Focal Points were designated to communicate relevant information and coordinate with other regional organizations. To properly organize the APT's coordination efforts during the Assembly, the APT Secretariat developed the APT web-portal for Coordination efforts for WTSA-24. The web-portal served as a tool to disseminate necessary information and accelerate the coordination work among APT Members.

The outcomes of WTSA-24 demonstrated the unwavering spirit of cooperation and compromise among all ITU members. APT Members contributed significantly to this effort and spirit of cooperation. Out of 45 ACPs, 39 were approved as the WTSA-24 resolutions. In overall, 8 new resolutions were approved by WTSA-24, and out of which 5 were from the Asia-Pacific region. The new WTSA resolutions included some of the trending topics such as Artificial Intelligence, Metaverse, Sustainable Digital Transformation, Next Generation experts in ITU-T standardization activities and Vehicular

Communications. The interests of APT Members and the objectives of all ACPs were correctly reflected in the outcomes of WTSA-24.

In addition, two study groups were consolidated to create the new ITU-T Study Group 21 on technologies for multimedia, content delivery, and cable TV. Apart from WTSA-24 Assembly, 20 side events such as Global Standards Symposium, the Network of Women, and Kaleidoscope events were held.

The WTSA-24 draft proceedings are available at <https://www.itu.int/wtsa/2024/>.