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| APT VIEW ON DRAFT REGIONAL INITIATIVES FOR THE ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION | | |

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| **Priority area:**  Priority setting for Regional Initiatives, related projects and financing mechanisms  **Summary:**  This APT View was adopted by the following 17 Member Administrations who attended at the 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-17 (APT WTD17-2) which was held from 20 to 22 February 2017 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.  Name of the Member Administrations attended APT WTDC17-2:  Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh (People’s Republic of), Cambodia, China (People’s Republic of), Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Korea (Republic of), Malaysia, Nepal (Federal Democratic Republic of), Papua New Guinea, Philippines (Republic of the), Singapore (Republic of), Sri Lanka (Democratic Socialist Republic of), Thailand, Vanuatu and Viet Nam (Socialist Republic of).  The Member Administrations who attended the 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-17 proposed five draft Regional Initiatives and their respective draft Objectives for consideration at the Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia and the Pacific  **Expected results:**  The 2nd Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-17 concluded that the Regional Initiatives for Asia-Pacific 2014-17 needed to be updated to reflect recent developments in ICT and the needs of APT Member Administrations.  **References:**  Suggested criteria from the Director of BDT for the selection and prioritization of regional initiatives; the strategic objectives in the draft Buenos Aires Action Plan; the draft strategic pillars (priority areas) for the APT for 2018-20. |

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Draft regional initiatives for the asia and the pacific region

1. **INTRODUCTION**

The 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-17 was held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from 20 to 22 February 2017.

In relation to the Regional Initiatives, the meeting considered the inputs put forward by the APT Member Administration; the suggested criteria from the Director of BDT for the selection and prioritization of regional initiatives; the strategic objectives in the draft Buenos Aires Action Plan; the draft strategic pillars (priority areas) for the APT for 2018-20. The meeting concluded that the Regional Initiatives for Asia-Pacific 2014-17 needed to be updated to reflect recent developments in ICT and the needs of APT Member Administrations.

In this context, the meeting identified five (5) draft Regional Initiatives for the Asia-Pacific for the period 2018-21 and related draft Objectives**.**

1. **PROPOSAL**

The Member Administrations who attended the 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-17 propose the following five (5) draft Regional Initiative and their respective draft Objectives for consideration at the Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia and the Pacific.

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| **(Draft) Regional Initiatives of ASP (2018-2021)** |
| **ASP1: Addressing special needs of least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific island countries, and landlocked developing countries**  **Objective**: To provide special assistance to least developed countries (LDCs), small island developing states (SIDS), including Pacific island countries, and landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) in order to meet their priority ICT requirements. |
| **ASP2: Harnessing ICTs to support the digital economy and an inclusive digital society**  **Objective**: To assist ITU Member States in utilizing ICTs to reap the benefits of the digital economy and to address the human and technical capacity challenges to bridging the digital divide. |
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| **ASP3: Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity**  **Objective**: To assist Member States in the development of infrastructure in order to facilitate services/applications on that infrastructure. |
| **ASP4: Enabling policy and regulatory environments**  **Objective**: To assist Member States in developing appropriate policy and regulatory frameworks, fostering innovation (e.g. especially SMEs), enhancing skills, increasing information sharing and strengthening regulatory cooperation which contribute to a supportive regulatory environment for the industry (including public – private partnership) and take into account consumer interests. |
| **ASP5: Contributing to secure and resilient environment**  **Objective**: To assist Member States to develop and maintain secure, trusted and resilient networks/services, to address challenges related to climate change and also to facilitate disaster preparedness, risk reduction and mitigation. |

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1. This document was considered and accepted by consensus at the APT WTD17-2 meeting held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from 20 to 22 February 2017. The meeting was attended by the Administrations of Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh (People’s Republic of), Cambodia, China (People’s Republic of), Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Korea (Republic of), Malaysia, Nepal (Federal Democratic Republic of), Papua New Guinea, Philippines (Republic of the), Singapore (Republic of), Sri Lanka (Democratic Socialist Republic of), Thailand, Vanuatu and Viet Nam (Socialist Republic of). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)