

Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)

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To ITU Member Administrations and Regulators in the Asia-Pacific Region

Subject: (1) ITU-PTA Asia-Pacific Regulators' Roundtable, 18-19 July 2016

(2) ITU-PTA International Training Program, 20-22 July 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to invite you to nominate participants for the "ITU-PTA Asia-Pacific Regulators' Roundtable" and the "ITU-PTA International Training Program (ITP) 2016" organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to be held from 18-22 July 2016 in Islamabad, Pakistan.

For over six years the Regulators' Roundtable has provided telecommunication/ICT regulators in the Asia-Pacific region with a platform that fosters dynamic and strategic discussions, sharing of information and relevant experiences and practices as well as conclusive debate on possible solutions and opportunities for potential collaboration to address emerging regulatory issues and challenges.

The ITU-PTA International Training Program 2016 will build skills to address policy and regulatory issues in the era beyond convergence of telecommunications and information technology. In particular, the event will focus on the implications of a smart digital society for collaborative regulation. The Program will highlight the building blocks required to ensure that regulatory measures remain relevant and appropriate for the new environment. It will bring together international experiences in this area with a focus on Pakistan's experiences and the lessons learnt.

The provisional agenda of the Regulators' Roundtable and ITP- 2016 (Anne 1 a and Annex 1b) is available at https://www.itu.int/go/rr-itp-2016 and will be regularly updated.

Details on accommodation and other useful information for participants for the two events are also available at the same link. Interested participants are requested to register using the registration form (Annex 2). Please register your interest as soon as possible but not later than 15 June 2016. Please note that participation in the Regulators' Roundtable is limited to senior representatives of telecommunication/ICT policy making and regulatory agencies only. Both events will be conducted in English and will be paperless.

I am pleased to inform you that one full fellowship will be offered to one participant duly authorized by the respective ITU Administration from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low-Income Developing Countries from the Asia-Pacific Region, subject to available budget as well as for full participation at this training program and the roundtable. *The last date for fellowship application is* **15** *June* **2016**. The Fellowship Application Form is attached (Annex 3).

Mr Sameer Sharma of the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (telephone +66 2 575 0055, email: sameer.sharma@itu.int) and Ms Porntip Modethes (email: porntip.modethes@itu.int) are at the disposal of participants who require assistance in participating in the Regulators' Roundtable and the International Training Program.

I look forward to receiving your positive reply at your convenience and to welcoming you and your colleagues to Islamabad, where I am confident that your active participation will contribute to the success of the Regulators' Roundtable and the International Training Program 2016.

Yours faithfully,

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Director