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Session 2: Policy and Regulation-Report Presentation: Fibre Optic Overhead Ground Wire & Co-deployment with Transport and Energy

# Co-deployment with Transport and Energy (Electricity and Oil & Gas) Infrastructure

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# Agenda

- Co-deployment Initiatives from the Asia-Pacific Region
- Fibre Optic Overhead Ground Wire (OPGW)
- Co-deployment with Transport and Energy (Electricity and Oil & Gas) Infrastructure
- Policy and Regulatory Issues

## Co-deployment Initiatives from the Asia-Pacific Region

- Broadband Internet as a basic facility 5G, Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- Study of the prevailing scenario of cross-sectoral infrastructure sharing
- Co-deployment of OFC with sectoral utilities
- Emerging technologies for co-deployment
- Policy and regulatory Issues

# Fibre Optic Overhead Ground Wire (OPGW)

- Optical power ground wire (OPGW) or optical fibre composite overhead ground wire (as per IEEE)
- OPGW deployment in India and Bhutan
- "Powertel" Powergrid India
- Robotics in Co-deployment MTCIL & Sterlite: build, own, operate and maintain
- Bhutan Power Corporation (BPC) OPGW Installations
- Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited (PGCBL) Bangladesh Submarine Cable Company Limited (BSCCL)

## Co-deployment with Transport and Energy

- Grameenphone- Bangladesh Railway initiative
- Korea Expressway Corporation (KEC) Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)
- Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) Knowledge Data Network (KDN)
- Oil India, Gas Authority of India, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation, Indian Oil Corporation - registered as Infrastructure Provider (Category I)

# Policy and Regulatory Issues

- Different models of co-deployment are emerging
- Broadband as an Infrastructure common
- Infrastructure Providers
- Necessary legal frameworks and regulatory norms
- Legal framework protecting data privacy

### Missions, Policies and Partnerships

- Intelligent Transport System (Republic of Korea)
- Bharatnet Project, National Broadband Mission (2019);
- National Digital Communications Policy (2018)
- (India)
- Digital Bangladesh
- National Broadband Masterplan (Bhutan)

Nationals Missions,
Projects,
Programmes



•National Integrated Transportation System Efficiency Act, 1999, National ITS Master Plan (2020), Telecommunications Business Act (Republic of Korea).

•Indian Telegraph Act,

- 1885; Indian Telegraph
  Right of Way Rules, 2016
  •National Broadband
  Policy, 2009; Infrastructure
  Sharing Guideline, 2011;
  National
- Telecommunication Policy, 2018 (Bangladesh)
- Information,
   Communications and
   Media Act, 2018;
   Telecommunications ar

Telecommunications and Broadband Policy, 2014 (Bhutan)



#### Agreements, MOUs, Partnerships

- Public Prvate Partnerships (PPP)
- Partnerships for incremental expansion of braodband in rural areas
- Licensing sectoral palyes as ICT facility providers
- Designating sectoral operators as facilty management authrities
- Infrastructure sharing agreements
- Value added ICT based service providers to cover the last mile
- Joint Ventures, Special Purpose Vehicles to expand ICT Networks to uncovered areas
- Utilisation of Universal Service Obligation Fund, incentives for providing acess in remote locations.

### Framework for Collaborative Regulation

#### **National Collaborative Process**

- ICT infrastructuresharing
- Braodband Access
- Intelligent tarnsport system
- Universal access
- Open, Nondiscriminatory access to ICT Infrasructure

#### **Sectoral Regulators**

- Collaborate with all sectors, players and stakeholders
- Creating Infrastucture Commons
- Social goods as the goal rather than immediate monetisation
- Leverage sectoral strengths and incntivise (rather than force) them to share infrastuctures.
- Weed out the overlapping and hrey areas of laws and bring a synergy among the sectoral regulators

#### Ongoing Partnerships, Models and Arranmgemnt

- Replicate, scale up and institutionlise the partnership models that worked well.
- Learn from other sectors, industries (as well countries) where innovatve partnerships worked well.
- Driven by a motto of creating a diverse busket of servuce level offerings to gain from infrastructure sharing rather than guarding market segments.

# Thank you!