# Highlights of APT Activities (until May 2009) & Forthcoming Programs

**Asia-Pacific Telecommunity**

The 12th Meeting of the Regional Interagency Working Group on ICT
10 June 2009 at The United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok Thailand

# Concluded APT Events (until May 2009)

1. The 15th APT Standardization Program (ASTAP) Forum, *Thailand*

2. The 29th APT Study Groups Meeting, *Thailand*

3. APT Workshop on Spectrum Management and Monitoring, *Vietnam*

4. APT Wireless Forum (AWF-6), *Vietnam*

5. Telecommunication ICT Policy and Regulation Meeting for Pacific, *Fiji*

6. The 1st APT Preparatory Meeting for ITU World Telecom Development Conference (WTDC-10) and Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-10), *Malaysia*

7. APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF), *Hong Kong, China*

# The 15th APT Standardization Program (ASTAP) Forum

ASTAP promotes, coordinates and harmonizes telecommunication standardization activities across the Asia-Pacific region through regional cooperation.

**Date & Venue:** 9 - 11 March 2009, Bangkok, Thailand

**Conclusions:**

- The Forum approved the establishment of Ad-hoc group to study how to harmonize and integrate the works in ASTAP and Study Groups. Ad-hoc group will be chaired by Japan and assisted by Rep. of Korea and Philippines.
- The Forum agreed on proposal to modify the terms of Chairman and Vice Chairmen as two year and Chairman and Vice Chairmen may be re-nominated once when there is agreement that the work in hand would benefit from continuity.
- The Forum approved a one-day Industry workshop to be held prior to ASTAP-16 Forum in August 2009.

# The 29th APT Study Groups Meeting (SG-29)

APT Study Groups produces research and analysis based outputs that are practical, focused and relevant to the needs of the members

**Date & Venue:** 12 - 13 March 2009, Bangkok, Thailand (back to back with ASTAP-15)

**Conclusions:**

❑ The SG-29 discussed the progress of the study and approved the final reports of some of the study questions for study cycle 2008 – 2009.

❑ The meeting also approved two new study questions proposed by members.

❑ The meeting also discussed and decided the way forward for Study Group activities and close relationship with APT Standardization Program (ASTAP).

# APT Workshop on Spectrum Management and Monitoring

**Date & Venue:** 30 March 2009 Danang, Vietnam

**Conclusion:**

- A number of imminent speakers and spectrum experts from APT region, CEPT and CITEL delivered useful presentations at the workshop.
- The Workshop discussed key issues such as:
    - Economic and technical objectives of spectrum management
    - Traditional approaches and recent innovation to spectrum management
    - Impact of spectrum management reform
    - Best practices in managing and facilitating access to spectrum
    - Regulating spectrum trading and refarming at national level
    - Extent of spectrum harmonization in APT's perspective
    - Spectrum monitoring and compliance, monitoring data collection and technologies

# The 6th Meeting of the APT Wireless Forum (AWF)

AWF shares and discusses information of emerging radio technologies, stimulates research and development, and promotes related telecommunication business within the Asia-Pacific region.

**Date & Venue:** 31 March – 3 April 2009 Danang, Vietnam

**Conclusions:**

The meeting developed:

- Questionnaires on APT Frequency Arrangements for 2300-2400 MHz and 2500-2690 MHz;
- Reports/guidelines on: *Frequency Bands for Short Range Devices*; *Use of Mobile Phones Onboard Aircraft*; and *use of 406.1-430 MHz, 806-824/851-869 MHz, and 5 850-5 925 MHz bands for PPDR in some APT Countries.*
- APT contributions to ITU-R Working Parties on UHF Digital Dividend activities in Asia, Frequency Arrangements for 2300-2400 MHz, Short Range Devices and PPDR .
- Liaison statements to ASTAP and APG
- The meeting also formed a Spectrum Sub Working Group on Software Defined Radio and Cognitive Radio Systems under Spectrum WG.

# Telecommunications ICT Policy and Regulation Meeting for the Pacific

**Date & Venue:** 29 April -1 May 2009, Nadi, Fiji

- The meeting discussed topics such as Interconnection, Regulation of Convergence of Broadcasting and Telecommunication, Innovative Broadband Networks, Pacific Islands Regulatory Resource Centre, etc.

**Conclusions:**

- The PIFS Taskforce decided that the Pacific Islands Resource Center is to collocate with the ITU office at PIFS.

- The meeting agreed on the formation of a working group to work on the governance, structure, and funding aspect of the Pacific Islands Resource Center with the targeted completion of the report by July 2009.

- The meeting unanimously agreed on the establishment of the Pacific region CERT (Pacific CERT).

- The meeting agreed on the formation of the working group with the members including SOPAC, ISOC, USP, PITA representatives, and Tonga who will provide feedback to ITU and AusCERT.

- The meeting agreed that the Telecommunications ICT Policy and Regulation Meeting for Pacific to be an annual event for the Pacific and held concurrently with PITA AGM.

# First Preparatory Meetings for WTDC-10 and PP-10

APT assists its members in preparing for major global events like ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, World Telecom Development Conference (WTDC), World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) and World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA).

- **Date & Venue:** 8 May 2009 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (back to back with the ITU RPM for the WTDC-10)

- The meeting consolidated the regional view on common issues to be proposed to the WTDC-10 and PP-10 as common input from the Asia Pacific region.

- The meetings agreed on the working structure, work plan and expected draft results for the second preparatory meetings and nominate office bearers for the Corresponding Groups of the APT Preparatory Groups on WTDC-10 and PP-10.

# APT Policy and Regulatory Forum

PRF assists members to strengthen their policy and regulatory frameworks by sharing information and experiences and providing a platform to discuss key challenges and barriers to access and other key issues.

**Date & Venue:** 13 - 15 May 2009 Hong Kong, SAR China

**Topics discussed:**

- Regulatory Implications on ICT Infrastructure Development,
- Regulation in the Convergence World, IP Based Licensing,
- Destructive Elements of Communications: Security and Spam issues,
- Regulators Role in Facilitating Consumer Interest in ICT, E-commerce & E-banking, and
- Review of the key issues from the WTSA-08. Apart from these proposed topics

# APT Policy and Regulatory Forum

## Conclusions

❏ The meeting adopted the revised Working Methods APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF) which will be forwarded to MC for approval. Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the next PRF were also nominated during the meeting.

❏ The meeting agreed on the theme of the Ministerial Meeting which is "Strengthen Regional Collaboration towards Broadband Economy".

❏ The meeting agreed to establish an expert group to work on the preparation of the content of the Ministerial Meeting.

# Forthcoming Events

## APT Ministerial Conference

Date: 12 – 13 November 2009

Venue: Bali, Indonesia

➢ The APT is organizing the Ministerial Meeting in commemoration of its 30th Anniversary.

➢ This important meeting is hosted by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia.

➢ A preparatory meeting entitled "Asia Pacific Telecommunications and ICT Development Forum" will be held on 10 and 11 November, 2009 to discuss the key development issues and prepare the Bali Agenda for submission to the Ministerial Meeting for consideration and adoption

# APT Ministerial Conference

## Focus Areas

➤ Minimizing the negative effects of the impact of global economic recession in the region, particularly to the development in ICT infrastructure and the industry;

➤ Taking advantage of ICT services and technology for improving the economic challenges;

➤ Minimizing barriers and stimulate investments in the advancement of information technological systems;

➤ Strengthening the support of individual countries in the global and regional efforts to improve the safety and security of ICT networks (cyber security) to provide a safer access to the people;

➤ Stopping exploitation of ICT infrastructure for commitment of crime especially crime against minors (children). "Protecting children in the cyberspace".

# Other Forthcoming Events

The 2nd APT Conference Preparatory Group Meeting for WRC-11 (APG2011-2)

Date & Venue: 22 - 26 June 2009 Hangzhou, PR China

Objective: To reviews ITU-R studies related to WRC-11 Agenda Items, to develop APT Preliminary Views on the Agenda Items. Besides, and to approve the working method of APG for WRC-11.

Workshop on Telecommunications Trade Rules

Date & Venue: 14 – 16 July 2009 Gold Coast, Australia

Objective: To enable telecommunications regulatory authorities from developing countries to better understand the importance of trade rules for the ICT sector and its implications on the regulatory frameworks, and to elaborate on the WTO principles and trade rules with focus on the bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations that are important to the Asia Pacific region.

# Other Forthcoming Events

| Date | Title | Venue |
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| Aug. 24-28 | The 16th APT Standardization Program (ASTAP) and the 30th APT Study Groups Meeting | Macao, China |
| Sept. 23-26 | APT Wireless Forum (AWF-7) | Thailand |
| Nov. 10-11 | Asia-Pacific Telecommunications and ICT Development Forum (ADF) | Indonesia |
| Nov. 12-13 | APT Ministerial Meeting | Indonesia |
| Nov.24-26 | The 11th South Asian Telecommunications Regulators' Council Meeting (SATRC) | Sri Lanka |
| Dec.1-4 | The 2nd APT Preparatory Meetings for ITU Plenipotentiary Conference and WTDC (PP-10 and WTDC) | Thailand |
| Dec. 15-18 | The 33rd Session of the Management Committee | Islamic Rep. of Iran |

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