



Conference on Sustainable Telecommunication Sector in Nepal

On the occasion of

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, 2024

Hotel Yak & Yeti, Kathmandu, Friday, May 17, 2024

Tentative Programme

Friday, May 17, 2024	
09.30 –10.30	Registration
10.30– 12.00	Session 1 – Celebration of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD-24) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Opening● Welcome Address by Mr. Bhupendra Bhandari, Chairman, NTA● Message from<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ITU, General Secretary (Video)○ ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Mr. Nabhonil Roy○ APT, Mr. Forhadul Parvez● Key Note on “<i>Sustainable Telecom Sector and Digital Innovation</i>”,<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. Forhadul Parvez, Program Officer, APT● Special Guest Address by Hon'ble Ms. Rekha Sharma, Minister, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MOCIT)● Chief Guest Address by Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal (Prachanda), Government of Nepal
12.00 – 12.15	Coffee/Tea Break

12.15 – 13.30	<p>Session 2 –Telecommunications Sector: Status, Challenges, and Opportunities</p> <p>The topics to be discussed in this session include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Telecom Market of Nepal: Status, Challenges, and Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Bimal Acharya, Manager, Nepal Telecom ○ Mr. Vishal Mani Upadhya, CLRO, Ncell Axiata ○ Mr Sudeep Acharya, Dish Media Network ● Regulatory Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Bijay Kumar Roy/Dr. Pradip Paudyal, NTA <p>Panel Discussion: – <i>Way Forward for Sustainable Telecom Market</i> (50 minutes)</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Bijay Kumar Roy, Director, NTA ● Ms. Sangita Pahadee (Aryal), MD, Nepal Telecom ● Mr. Jabbor Kayumov, CEO, Ncell Axiata ● Mr. Binay Bohara, CEO, Vianet Communications ● Mr. Suresh Kumar Pudasaine, Telecom Expert <p>Moderator: Mr. Manoj Ghimire (ICT Expert, Founder of RARA Lab)</p>
13.30 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 –16.30	<p>Session 3 –Regulation for Sustainable Telecom Sector</p> <p>The topics to be discussed in this session include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Analysis of contemporary regulatory regime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Anup Upreti, Pioneer Law ● International Best Practices of ICT Regulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Nabhonil Roy, Digital Government Expert, ITU <p>Panel Discussion – <i>Way Forward on ICT/Telecom Regulation</i> (80 minutes)</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Rabindra Jha, Board Member, NTA ● Mr. Bhesh Raj Kanel, Telecom Expert ● Mr. Nabhonil Roy, Digital Government Expert, ITU ● Mr. Forhadul Parvez, Program Officer, APT <p>Moderator: Mr. Biswash Regmi (ICT Journalist)</p>

16.30 -17.45	<p>Session 4 –Digital Innovation for Nepal’s Sustainable Development</p> <p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Pradip Paudyal, NTA <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Honourable, Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal, Member, Member, NPC ● Dr. Gunakar Bhatta, Executive Director, NRB ● Mr. Anil Kumar Dutta, Joint Secretary, MoCIT ● Ms. Binda Magar, Policy Advisor (Governance) and Assistant Resident Representative (Prog) UNDP Nepal ● Mr. Arun Khatri, CEO, BitsKraft Nepal <p>Moderator: Mr. Hempal Shrestha, ICT Expert</p>
17.45 -17.50	<p>Session 4 - Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Mr. Ramkrishna Subedi, Secretary, MoCIT
18.00 Onwards	<p>Networking Dinner</p>