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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: The 19th APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum
22 - 24 November 2022, Virtual/Online Meeting**

Please refer to the 45th Session of the Management Committee of the APT (MC-45), which was held virtually from 30 November to 3 December 2021. The MC-45 approved the APT Telecommunication/ICT Forum (ADF) as one of the Work Programmes for 2022.

I would like to inform you that APT Secretariat had consulted with the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the ADF, and it was decided that APT would organize the 19th APT Telecommunication/ICT Forum (ADF-19) from 22 to 24 November 2022 as a virtual/online meeting.

The recent development of communication technology, computing and data engineering is causing rapid changes in human life and society, which is appearing as a keynote for the spread of digital transformation around the world. This ADF will look at the policies of APT Members, support from research institutes, and the latest technologies to realize affordable and reliable connectivity which is a prerequisite for digital transformation. In addition, in the aspect of digital transformation, we will learn about smart city and smart transportation as one category where various ICTs are combined to contribute to the convenient life of human beings. Also, it will be a topic to view how the recent trend affects young people to start a business with their own ideas and how governments and institutions are building an ecosystem for start-ups in the Asia-Pacific region. The ADF-19 will also serve as a platform to share the current status, outcomes, and achievements of the various ICT Projects implemented through collaboration between APT Members and experts from China, Japan, and Republic of Korea funded by the Extra-Budgetary Contributions (EBCs).

In this regard, I would like to invite representatives from your administration/organization who are involved in telecommunication and ICT development to participate in the ADF-19, which will be organized by Zoom meeting platform. The Concept Note, Provisional Agenda and Tentative Programme are attached herewith for your information.

Registration can be done online at <https://www.apl.int/content/online-registration>, preferably by **15 November 2022** for making necessary arrangements. Once registration is accepted, APT Secretariat will inform Zoom meeting link, password, and other relevant information directly to the registered participant prior to the forum. **Only the registered participants are entitled to join the forum.** Should any further information or assistance be required, please contact APT Secretariat by email (aplict@apl.int). APT Secretariat will do the best to provide the necessary environment for the remote participation.

Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, and International/Regional Organizations who wish to submit contribution on the agenda items, should prepare the contribution(s) in Microsoft Word and/or PowerPoint. The contribution should be sent to

aptict@apt.int by using proper template, which will be posted on APT website. **The deadline for submission of contribution is 11 November 2022.**

I would appreciate your support and cooperation in ensuring a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

[Original Signed]

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Secretary General

Encl: Concept Note with Provisional Agenda (Annex A) and Tentative Programme
(Annex B)

To: APT Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, and International/Regional
Organizations