



# International Regulators' Forum 2021

**Date:** 4th - 5th October 2021

**Location:** Virtual

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## Agenda: International Regulator's Forum 2021 - Monday 4 October 2021

### 12:00 BST: Welcome

**Chris Chapman**, President, International Institute of Communications

**Dr Wilhelm Eschweiler**, Vice President, Federal Network Agency (BNetzA), Germany

### 12:15 BST: Secure mobile networks of the future - how are regulators preparing for/responding to new phenomena?

Research activities regarding the next level of mobile networks are taking place everywhere. How are regulators approaching these new developments, in particular being part of the 6G world, or the 'network of networks'. What role for open-RAN and disaggregation in the secure networks of the future?

Moderator

**Dr Wilhelm Eschweiler**, Vice President, Federal Network Agency (BNetzA), Germany

Panel discussion and Q&A

Speakers include

**Aileen Chia**, Deputy Chief Executive and Director-General (Telecoms and Post), IMDA, Singapore

**Dan Sjöblom**, Director General, Swedish Post and Telecom Authority (PTS)

**Chaucer Leung**, Director-General of Communications, Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA), Hong Kong, China

**Mitsuhiro Hishida**, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan

**Yeali S Sun**, Commissioner, National Communications Commission (NCC), Taiwan ROC

### 13:45 BST: Break

### 14:00 BST: Best practice forum – fibre and connectivity

Short presentations set the scene on how regulators are working to enable full connectivity and broadband access. Discussion will follow, to pick up themes including fixed-mobile convergence, universal service, infrastructure sharing, balancing supply & demand.

Moderator

**Dr Annegret Groebel**, Head of International Affairs, Federal Network Agency (BNetzA), Germany

Short presentations followed by discussion

Speakers include

**Professor Umar Garba Danbatta**, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian Communications Commission

**Adolfo Cuevas Teja**, Chairman, Federal Telecommunications Institute (IFT), Mexico

**Adrienne Corboud Fumagalli**, President, Federal Office of Communications (ComCom)

**Robert Mourik**, Commissioner, Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg), Ireland

**Sanjeev Kumar Sharma**, Advisor, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

## 15:30 BST: Closing Remarks

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# Agenda: International Regulator's Forum 2021 - Tuesday 5 October 2021

## 07:00 BST: Welcome

## 07:05 BST: Approaches to online platform regulation – balancing economic and social considerations

Examining the two pillars of platform regulation – economic regulation (market power of gatekeepers) on one hand and consumer protection (online harms, trust in digital platform business models) on the other.

Moderator

**Dr Annegret Groebel**, Head of International Affairs, Federal Network Agency (BNetzA), Germany

Impulse statement

**Annemarie Sipkes**, Director Telecommunications, Transport and Postal Services Department, Dutch Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM); Incoming BEREC Chair 2022

Panel discussion and Q&A

Speakers include

**Dr Natee Sukonrat**, Vice-Chairman, National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC), Thailand

**Dr Seyed Emamian**, President, SATRA (Iranian Audiovisual Media Regulatory Authority)

## 08:40 BST: Break

## **08:50: Artificial Intelligence - regulatory initiatives & considerations for telco/content NRAs**

How to strike the balance between encouraging AI systems/applications and managing associated risks and what role might regulation take? Does the lack of a clear definition of what AI is hinder regulation? Is the approach of regulating use-cases rather than technology itself viable?

Moderator

**Andrea Sanders-Winter**, Federal Network Agency (BNetzA), Germany

Impulse statement

**Lucilla Sioli**, Director for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Industry, DG CONNECT – Directorate for Digital Industry, European Commission

Panel discussion and Q&A

Speakers include

**Cordel Green**, Executive Director, Broadcasting Commission of Jamaica

**Dr Pascal Dutru**, Legal Unit Manager, Communications Regulatory Authority Qatar (CRA)

**Emmanuel Gabla**, Membre du Collège, Autorite de Regulation des Communications Electroniques et des Postes (ARCEP), France

## **10:20 : Break**

## **10:30 BST: Creating a harmonised media framework**

**Nerida O'Loughlin**, Chair and Agency Head, Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

**Ian Scott**, Chairman and CEO, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)

## **11:15 BST: Future of broadcasting – prominence, distribution & access, national & local content representation, funding. How should categories such as news, local language programmes be sheltered and sustained?**

Moderator

**Siobhan Walsh**, Director, Content Policy, Ofcom, UK

Speakers include

**Latifa Akharbach**, President, High Authority of Audiovisual Communication (HACA), Morocco

## **12:30: Close**