



International Regulators' Forum 2021

Date: 4th - 5th October 2021

Location: Virtual

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

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

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

Thomas Sullivan, Chief, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

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

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

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

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

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

Dr Adrienne Corboud Fumagalli, Chairwoman, Swiss Federal Communications Commission (ComCom)

15:30 BST: Closing Remarks

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

Dr Seyed M.S. Emamian, President, SATRA (Iranian Audiovisual Media Regulatory Authority)

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

Professor Elisa Giomi, Commissioner, Autorita per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni (AGCOM)

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

Professor Anthony Clayton, Chairman, Broadcasting Commission of Jamaica

Augusto Fragoso, Director-General for Information and Innovation, Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM)

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

Moderator

Dr Derek Wilding, Co-Director, Centre for Media Transition, University of Technology, Sydney; President, IIC Australia Chapter

Speakers

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

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

Dr Charley Lewis, Councillor, Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)

Maria Rachel J. Arenas, Chair, Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), Philippines

Frédéric Bokobza, Deputy Director General, Conseil supérieur de l’audiovisuel (CSA) France

12:30: Close