International Regulators Forum 2023 – in person

Date: 16th - 17th October 2023
Location: Cologne, Germany

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**Agenda: Monday 16 October 2023**

08:15-09:00: Registration & Networking

0900-0930: Welcomes

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

**Dr Wilhelm Eschweiler,** Vice President, BNetzA

0930-1100: Session 1: Future regulatory structures and models – progress with recent ‘experimentation’ globally

Moderator:  
**Dr Annegret Groebel,** Head of International/Postal Regulation Department, BNetzA

Panellists include

**Michel Van Bellinghen,** Chairman of the Council, Belgian Institute for Postal services and Telecommunications (BIPT)

**Ekaterine Imedadze,** Commissioner, Georgian National Communications Commission; Chair, Eastern Partnership Electronic Communications Regulators Network (EaPeReg)

**Geoffrey Starks,** Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

**Camilla Bustani,** Director, International, Ofcom, UK

11:00-11:30: Networking Break

11:30-13:00: Session 2: Cybersecurity & network/supply chain resilience: role and obligations for regulators
Moderator: 
Elmar Zilles, Head of Legal Telecommunications Regulation Issues / Spectrum Department, BNetzA

Panellists
Tonko Obuljen, President of the Board, Croatian Regulatory Authority for Network Industries (HAKOM)
Philip Marnick, General Director, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), Bahrain
Robert Mourik, Chairperson, Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg), Ireland
Dick Christophe Ng Sui Wa, Chairman, Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA), Mauritius

13:00-14:00: Networking Lunch

14:00-15:30: Session 3: Mobile communications: 5G rollout, progress and lessons learned so far; Satellite and space – regulatory considerations

Moderator: 
Dr Wilhelm Eschweiler, Vice President, BNetzA

Panellists
Chaucer Leung, Director-General of Communications, Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) Hong Kong, China
Yolisa Kedama, Acting Chairperson, Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)
Nikolaiski Ali, Board Member, Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT)
Luc Tapella, Director, Institut Luxembourgeois de Regulation (ILR)

15:30-16:00: Networking Break

16:00-17:30: Session 4: Consumer empowerment in a digital world: comparison tools; spoofing, misuse of numbering resources, spam; AI transparency for consumers

Moderator: 
Andrea Sanders-Winter, Head of Subdepartment Internet Digitalisation, BNetzA

Panellists
Professor (Clinical) Sarana Boonbaichaiyapruck, Chairman, National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission of Thailand (NBTC)
Masego M. Jeremiah, Deputy Director Media and Content, Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA)
Dr Allyson Leacock, Chairman, Barbados Broadcasting Authority; Director, National Transformation Initiative, Government of Barbados
Tim Ringsdore, CEO, Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA)

17:30: End of day one
18:30-21:30: Regulators Dinner
kindly hosted by BNetzA

Brauhaus Sion
Unter Taschenmacher 5-7
50667 Cologne

The BNetzA team will meet delegates in the foyer of the Hyatt at 18.30 pm to walk them across the bridge to the dinner.

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**Agenda: Tuesday 17 October 2023**

08:15: Registration & networking

09:00-09:15: Welcomes

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

09:15-10:45: Session 5: Fixed broadband rollout: copper switch-off & customer migration to fibre; licensing; competition; infrastructure sharing; technology choices

Moderator:

**Dr Wilhelm Eschweiler**, Vice President, BNetzA

Panellists

**Professor Konstantinos Masselos**, BEREC Chair 2023 and President, Hellenic Telecommunications & Post Commission (EETT)

**Usman Aliyu**, Head of International Affairs, Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)

**Aileen Chia**, Deputy Chief Executive – Connectivity Development & Regulation / Director-General – Telecoms & Post, Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA), Singapore

**Emmanuel Gabla**, Membre du Collège and Board Member, Autorité de régulation des communications électroniques, des postes et de la distribution de la presse (ARCEP), France

10:45-11:15: Networking Break

11:15-12:45: Session 6: Regulating digital platforms and intermediaries – progress with implementation and enforcement

Moderator:

**Andrea Sanders-Winter**, Head of Subdepartment Internet Digitalisation, BNetzA
Panellists

**Dr Wei-Ching Wang**, Commissioner, National Communications Commission (NCC), Taiwan, ROC  
**Benoît Loutrel**, Member, Autorité de régulation de la communication audiovisuelle et numérique (Arcom), France  
**Creina Chapman**, Deputy Chair & CEO, Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)  
**Jeremy Godfrey**, Executive Chairperson, Coimisiún na Meán  
**Alicia Barin**, Vice-Chair, Broadcasting, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)

12:45-13:45: Networking Lunch

13:45-15:15: Session 7: Online safety - global protection of minors in the online world.  
Moderator:  
**Jeremy Godfrey**, Executive Chairperson, Coimisiún na Meán, Ireland  
Panellists:  
**Dame Melanie Dawes DCB**, Executive Board Member and Chief Executive, Ofcom, UK  
**Dr Tobias Schmid**, Director, Media Authority of North Rhine-Westphalia; Commissioner for European Affairs of the German Media Authorities

15:15-15:45: Networking Break

15:45-17:15: Session 8: Protecting democracy online – towards effective cooperation mechanisms in the fight against disinformation  
Moderator:  
**Dr Tobias Schmid**, Director, Media Authority of North Rhine-Westphalia; Commissioner for European Affairs of the German Media Authorities  
Panellists:  
**George Sarpong**, Executive Secretary, National Media Commission, Ghana  
**Professor Elisa Giomi**, Commissioner, Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni (AGCOM), Italy  
**Scott Shortliffe**, Executive Director, Broadcasting, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)

18:00-19:30: Welcome Reception  
Sticky Fingers  
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50679 Cologne  
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