



## 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)

[Javier Juárez Mojica](#), Commissioner, Federal Telecommunications Institute (IFT), Mexico

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

[Geoffrey Starks](#), Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

#### 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 include

**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 include

**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)

**Björn Blondell**, Head of Division, Market Development, Swedish Post and Telecom Authority (PTS)

**Nikolaïski Ali**, Board Member, Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT)

## **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 include

**Professor (Clinical) Sarana Boonbaichaiyapruk**, 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

**Armando Chiari**, Official, Electronic Communication Networks and Services Department, Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni (AGCOM)

## **17:30: End of day one**

## 18:30-21:30: Regulators Dinner

kindly hosted by BNetzA

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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 include

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

[Adeleke Adewolu](#), Executive Commissioner (Stakeholder Management), 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, 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 include

**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 include

**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

## **15:15-14:45: 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 include

**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**

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