



Annual Conference 2026

Date: 14th - 15th October 2026

Location: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Agenda: Wednesday 14 October 2026

08:00: Invitation only: Breakfast roundtable

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08:45: Registration and networking

09:30: Welcome

09:50: Building, protecting and defending digital communications infrastructure and ecosystems

- How are the core pillars of trusted, resilient digital infrastructure evolving – what trends are emerging globally?
- How is AI impacting network and device resilience?
- How does the sovereignty lens impact policy priorities and regulatory decision making?
- Collaboration across supply chains and across borders to ensure we have future-proofed, safe and secure infrastructure

11:00: Networking break

11:30: Connectivity for all: unlocking digital inclusion in Asia and the Pacific

- Just over 45% of the world's unconnected population lives in developing Asia and the Pacific
- Achieving universal connectivity is therefore no longer solely about expanding network coverage, but about enabling people to access and use mobile internet confidently, safely, and meaningfully
- Key findings from the newly launched joint ADB-GSMA report will be shared
- The panel will explore how coordinated efforts encompassing policy, investment, digital skills, affordability, and trust can help ensure that everyone can benefit from an increasingly digital future.

12:45: Spotlight session

13:00: Networking lunch

14:15: End-to-end solutions for scams and fraud prevention

- Governance frameworks for collaboration between telcos, banks and digital platforms
- Cross-sector intelligence sharing
- Multi-regulator oversight and dispute resolution

1530: Spotlight session

15:45: Networking break

16:15: Online safety & consumer protection

- How are legal, technological, and societal responses converging globally to safeguard young and vulnerable users online?
- Comparing standards and enforcement practices for content moderation, age classification, fact-checking

17:30: Close of day one, followed by Gala Reception

Agenda: Thursday 15 October 2026

08:00: Invitation only: Breakfast roundtable

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08:45: Registration and networking

09:30: Welcome

09:45: eCommerce as a driver of innovation and digital inclusion

- Competition and regulatory considerations, consumer protection, data privacy and online safety

11:00: Networking break

11:30: Driving the creative economy - regulation as a key pillar to support innovation across the entire digital content ecosystem

- Protecting local content funding, production and discoverability in AI-mediated media markets
- Public service broadcasting – what role in contemporary society? If we were designing broadcasting regulation from scratch for the digital age, what principles would guide it?

12:45: Spotlight session

13:00: Networking lunch

14:15: Towards 6G – separating reality from hype

- Is it a solution-looking-for-a-problem, or is there genuine commercial justification?
- Implications for spectrum allocation, supply chains, competition, surveillance and privacy
- What are realistic timelines and for which use cases?

15:30: AI implementation, governance and accountability

- What principles might ensure the vibrant adoption of AI while staying flexible enough to make adjustments as true risks and rewards of AI deployment become clear?

16:45: Closing remarks

17:00: Close