



International Regulators' Forum 2018

Date: 8th - 9th October 2018

Location: Mexico City

Agenda: Monday 8 October 2018

09:30: Registration & Welcome

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09:45 **Welcome remarks:**

Gabriel Contreras Saldivar, President, IFT – Federal Institute of Telecommunications

10:00 **Response:**

Chris Chapman, President, International Institute of Communications

10:05: The Regulatory Snapshot

Moderator:

Chris Chapman, President, IIC

Speakers:

Paul Canessa, Chairman, Gibraltar Regulatory Authority

Aaron Smith, Interim Chief Executive, Regulatory Authority of Bermuda

Dr Rainer Schnepfleitner, Head, Regulation Affairs & Competition, Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA), Qatar

Shana Willie-Matoorah, Director/Secretary, National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NTRC), St Lucia

11:00: Session 1: In the Digital Ecosystem, What Market is the Communications Regulator Regulating?

- What is the purpose of national regulation in a borderless digital ecosystem?
- Legal restrictions and blocks on regulatory development and intervention
- Building your agency's 'digital DNA': skills and preparedness: algorithms and bytes
- Checking the regulatory tools and what's in the sandbox
- Horizontal regulation and cooperation – the only paradigm left?

Chair:

Maria Elena Estavillo, Commissioner, IFT

Speakers:

Juan Manuel Wilches, Commissioner, Commission for Communications Regulation, Colombia

Simon Thomson, Head of Telecommunications Regulation, Commerce Commission of New Zealand

12:30 Lunch

13:30: Session 2: Consumer Protection: Equipped for the Digital World?

- Driving awareness
- Pricing
- Content and information: fake news vs misinformation
- Importance of transparency
- Privacy and security

Chair:

Sóstenes Diaz González, Commissioner, IFT

Speakers:

Lindsey Fussell, Group Director, Consumer and External Relations, Ofcom, UK

Botlenyana Mokhele, Councillor, Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)

Young-sub Shim, Commissioner, Korea Communications Standards Commission

15:00: Session 3: Regulation of OTT and Apps: the Need for a Global Solution?

- Content regulation: what mechanisms are available to the regulator?
- Commoditising the value chain: who benefits and who loses out?
- Does public service broadcasting still have a role? Who should fund it?

Chair:

Adolfo Cuevas, Commissioner, IFT

Speakers:

Nicole Chan, Chairperson, National Communications Commission (NCC), Taiwan

Christopher MacDonald, Commissioner, Atlantic Region/Nunavut, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)

Bathopi Luke, Director – Broadcasting Regulation, Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA)

Dr Jamal Eddine Naji, Director General, Haute Autorité de la Communication Audiovisuelle (HACA), Morocco

16:30Break

16:45: Session 4: Net Neutrality, Zero Rating: a More Level Playing Field?

- Net neutrality: for or against competition?
- ISPs vs devices – the same or different?
- Benefits to content producers?

Chair:

Mario Fromow, Commissioner, IFT

Speakers:

Waldon Russell, Director of Electronic Communications (Acting), Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA), Bahamas

Allan Ruiz Madrigal, Executive Secretary, COMTELCA (Regional Telecommunications Technical Commission)

Lindsey Fussell, Group Director, Consumer and External Relations, Ofcom, UK

18:15Close of day 1

19:00Dinner: kindly hosted by the IFT (pre-booking required)

Agenda: Tuesday 9 October 2018

09:30: Registration and Coffee

09:45: Session 5: Ownership and Exchange of Information: Competition Policy for a New Era

- Do the tenets of competition policy founded on the open exchange of information still hold when data transfer and information has essentially been privatised?
- Is the digital ecosystem creating new monopolies?
- Does metadata processing (information connected to communications which does not include the content of those communications such as numbers called, websites visited etc.) offer a competitive advantage to operators?
- Whither antitrust policy-making?

Chair:

Dr Arturo Robles Rovalo, Commissioner, IFT

Speakers:

Michael Cosgrave, Executive General Manager, Infrastructure Regulation Division, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Robert Strayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber and International Communications and Information Policy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, US Department of State

Stewart Brittenden, Head of Communications and Postal Regulation, Gibraltar Regulatory Authority (GRA)

Mirna Evelia Menéndez Contreras, Attorney, Superintendencia General de Electricidad y Telecomunicaciones (SIGET), El Salvador

11:15Break

11:30: Session 6: Connectivity and Sustainability: Closing the Digital Exclusion Gap/Meeting the SDGS

- Spectrum policies to reduce (or increase?) inequality: the role of 5G
- Building infrastructure in a time of economic austerity
- The reality of ubiquitous coverage
- Financial incentives: Universal service funds or other financial models?
- Empowering disadvantaged groups; funding models

Chair:

Javier Juárez Mojica, Commissioner, IFT

Speakers:

Agnes Wong, Director General of Communications of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA)

Professor Anthony Clayton, Chairman, Broadcasting Commission Jamaica

Orlando José Castillo Castillo, Director General, Instituto Nicaraguense de Telecomunicaciones y Correos (TELCOR), Nicaragua

Ajit Pai, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission (FCC), USA

13:00Close of IRF and lunch

14:00Workshop: **How AI is transforming industry and society**