

## **ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar for Asia-Pacific**

### **RRS-21-Asia Pacific - Seminar**

*Virtual event*

#### **Opening Remarks**

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Distinguished participants,

Dear friends,

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to you all.

It gives me great pleasure to open the 2021 edition of the Regional Radiocommunications Seminar for Asia-Pacific. In the ITU, we are delighted to organize this event in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Telecommunity.

I am pleased to note that around 250 participants from more than 20 countries in the region will be joining us during the next two weeks to discuss various aspects of radiocommunications.

Dear colleagues,

As you know the ITU-R Sector produces ICT content that is of fundamental importance to the global management of radio-frequency spectrum and satellite orbits. It ranges from international regulations and recommendations, to reports and handbooks. And from service publications to software and databases.

However, this is just the first step. Once the content has been produced, we want to make sure it reaches all four corners of the globe.

Towards this end, during the last years, the Radiocommunications Bureau has been working to expand its outreach and communication activities. We have done so by organizing seminars, workshops, and capacity building events; by providing technical assistance to Administrations; and by publishing more articles in the ITU news and magazines.

The main purpose of this work is twofold:

First, we want to cater for the needs and request of developing countries with regards to spectrum management.

Second, we want to ensure that the outputs produced by the ITU-R Sector are disseminated and appreciated worldwide, so that they may form the basis for the formulation of national and regional policies for the use of the radio spectrum.

The Regional Radiocommunication Seminar is an important part of this broad set of initiatives. It focuses on use of the radio-frequency spectrum, and satellite orbits, and has a special emphasis on the application of the Radio Regulations.

The Regional Seminars complement the World Radiocommunications Seminar that happens every other year. I am happy to inform you that the plenary sessions of the World Radiocommunications Seminar 2020 can be accessed on demand through the website Best of WRS 20. I encourage you to access those useful resources.

Another initiative that some might be familiar with is the Spectrum Management Training Program, a joint project of the BR and the BDT. The training program includes WRC-19 decisions and updates from the 2020 Edition of the Radio Regulations.

Finally, I highlight the work of ITU's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. They have been collaborating with the State Radio Monitoring Center of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China and have organized practical training on issues related to spectrum management and radiofrequency monitoring.

In addition, the ITU has been working to ensure National Emergency Plans are in place and emergency telecommunications capacity has been deployed. Collaborative partnerships have enabled the provision of low-cost, reliable connectivity solutions based on satellite infrastructure in remote island developing states.

As you can see, albeit the challenging times, the Radiocommunications Bureau, in cooperation with the Development Bureau, have been working to support you with the information and the tools you need to implement the international regulations and standards on spectrum management.

Dear participants,

I will now turn to the agenda of this Regional Radiocommunications Seminar.

The first part of the Seminar will review the ITU-R structure, its study groups and working parties, as well as the WRC-23 Agenda and preparation process. We will then cover concepts related to international spectrum management and to the procedures for recording of frequency assignments in the Master International Frequency Register (MIFR). In addition, we will have the opportunity to hear more about ITU-D and APT's activities in the Region on spectrum management.

The second part of the Seminar will consist of tutorials on notification procedures for terrestrial and space stations. It will enable the participants to get experience with ITU software and electronic publications made available by the Radiocommunication Bureau to the Administrations of Member States and to the ITU-R Sector Members.

This seminar will conclude with a Forum on: "Radiocommunication Trends: Opportunities and Challenges for the Asia-Pacific Region". This forum will be an opportunity for industry representatives to share their knowledge with ITU Member States to help advance and accelerate the development of radiocommunications.

Dear Friends,

The provision of seminars and forums online have proven to be a success, with virtual events attracting many more participants than physical ones.

I encourage you to seize this opportunity, to actively participate, and engage in this Regional Radiocommunications Seminar.

I wish you a very fruitful seminar.

Thank you very much.