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ITU-TRAI Asia-Pacific Regulators Roundtable

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) are jointly organizing the "ITU-TRAI Asia-Pacific Regulators' Roundtable" and the "ITU-TRAI International Training Program (ITP) 2017" during 21-22 August, 2017 and 23-25 August, 2017 respectively in New Delhi.

2.   Delegates from more than 23 countries will be participating in the Asia-Pacific Regulators' Roundtable followed by the International Training Program. About 60 delegates from different countries have registered for these events. The Regulators' Roundtable is the 7th edition of the Asia-Pacific Region initiative to organize an annual Roundtable to provide telecommunication/ICT regulators in the region to mutually learn from the experiences of each other.

3. The Regulators around the globe have been dealing with the regulatory challenges created by the digital advancements. Digitization has created rapid technological progress and growth, which has generated tremendous benefits for all economies around the world. New opportunities for growth and innovation are emerging, and it is crucial that the new regulatory requirements and challenges are anticipated and addressed at both National and International level, in a coordinated way. Growing innovation and rapid deployment of digital technologies necessitates a proactive regulatory framework. The main regulatory challenges include promoting growth in digital ecosystem, maximizing consumers interest, ensuring level playing field for all players on new and cross-sectorial markets, promoting competition, among others. Platforms such as the Regulators' Roundtable fosters dynamic and strategic discussions, facilitates sharing of information, relevant experiences and practices as well as

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conclusively debate on possible solutions and opportunities for potential collaboration to address emerging regulatory issues and challenges in Digital Societies.

4. The ITU-TRAI International Training Program 2017 will build skills to address the policy and regulatory issues in the era beyond convergence of telecommunications and information technology. In particular, the event will focus on the implications of Collaborative Regulations for Digital Societies. The Program will highlight the building blocks required to ensure that regulatory measures remain relevant and appropriate for the new environment. It will bring together International experiences in this area with a focus on India's experiences and the lessons learnt.

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