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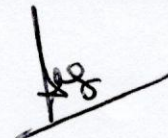
Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

Subject : Inauguration of International Training Programme on "Collaborative Regulation for Digital Societies", 23rd - 25th August 2017, jointly organized by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) are jointly organizing "ITU-TRAI International Training Program (ITP) 2017" during 23rd -25th August 2017 in New Delhi, India. The theme of this training program is "**Collaborative Regulation for Digital Societies**".

This high profile training program was inaugurated today by Hon'ble Justice Shiva Kirti Singh, Chairman TDSAT in a well attended opening session. The delegates from 24 countries are participating in this training program particularly from Asia-Pacific region. Besides, this training program is being attended by large number of domestic participants representing various stakeholders such as government departments, telecom service providers, telecom vendors, academia etc.

This ITU-TRAI International Training Program 2017 aims to build skills to address the policy and regulatory issues in the emerging era beyond convergence of telecommunications and information technology. In particular, the event will focus on the implications of 'Collaborative Regulation 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.
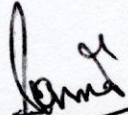
The theme of this training programme i.e. Collaborative Regulation for Digital Societies is extremely relevant for all the economies worldwide. Collaborative regulation in ICT sector has various facets. In the converged ICT era, the physical boundaries would cease to exist. The seamless communication would transcend across geographical boundaries and therefore requires fine tuning of existing regulations. The Cloud computing technologies has made revolutionary trends in data storage and management. The need for developing ecosystems for launch of new services has become inevitable. With ever increasing subscriber base, there is a great need for optimum utilization of available spectrum through harmonization. With technological development, the task of harmonization of spectrum has become much easier and has become important.

Cross sectoral collaboration is one of the most important aspects of regulating ICT sector. Governments should aim to improve coordination across regulators for the ultimate benefit of consumers and for coherent and consistent economic regulations across different sectors. Collaboration of regulators with researchers and academicians is another aspect of ICT regulations. Collaborative regulations can result in significant benefits for competition and the economy as a whole if working synergies are created through ongoing dialogue and regulatory cooperation.

This three day training program has been divided into 12 sessions and each session will be dealing with pertinent issues related to regulation of digital societies. The sessions will deal with topics such as 'Regulatory approaches for smart societies', 'Converged Licensing Regime', 'Spectrum Planning and Management – Strategies for 5G', ' Building Trust in Digital World', 'Internet of Things (IoT)/Machine to Machine (M2M) Communications' etc. This training programme will assist in building institutional capacity by sharing experiences and successful case studies for potential collaboration in all these areas.

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