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Inauguration of SATRC Workshop on Spectrum Management from 18th to 21st December 2019 at Goa, India

New Delhi, 18th December 2019 – The Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) is organizing the South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC) Workshop on Spectrum Management from 18th to 20th December 2019 in Goa, India, which is being hosted by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, India.

- 2. The Workshop was inaugurated on 18th December 2019 by Dr. R.S. Sharma, Chairman, TRAI. The keynote address was delivered by Ms. Areewan Haorangsi, Secretary General, Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. The inaugural session highlighted the importance of management of spectrum, the scarce natural resource, which is the lifeline for mobile services. This Workshop is being attended by delegates from SATRC Member countries. Besides, a large number of domestic participants are attending this workshop, representing various stakeholders such as government departments, industry, academia etc. A number of eminent experts have been invited as Speakers for the workshop.
- 3. SATRC was formed in 1997 by an initiative of APT and International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. The SATRC is responsible for discussion and coordination of all the issues relating to regulations in telecommunication and ICT which are of common interest to the telecommunication regulators in South Asian countries. SATRC Workshops are held as part of activities under capacity building with the objective of developing the capacity of human resources of the regulators of SATRC Members.
- 4. The Workshop on Spectrum Management is being held as part of implementation of SATRC Action Plan Phase VII. The objective of the workshop is to give an in-depth analysis on the work items under the SATRC Working Group on Spectrum in order to increase the understanding on those issue. Important issues such as spectrum licensing and pricing, spectrum re-farming and developing spectrum roadmap will also be discussed in depth. In addition, the workshop will also share the outcomes

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of World Radiocommunications Conferences 2019 (WRC-19) and its implication for spectrum management. It will give an opportunity for the SATRC Members to share their experiences and future plan on spectrum management.

5. For any clarification / information Shri S.T. Abbas, Advisor (Networks, Spectrum & Licensing), TRAI may be contacted at Telephone Number +91-11-23210481 and his email is advmn@trai.gov.in.

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