

Japan IGF Bimonthly Event: May 2017

Date and time : Thu 25th May 2017 18:00-20:00 JST
Venue : JPNIC office meeting room, Tokyo, Japan
Participants : 17 onsite, 1 online

Survey: 14 responses

- Gender: Male 86%, Female 7%, No Response 7%
- Stakeholders: Internet operations related 7%, Business 50%, Government 29%, Internet Users 7%, Academia 0%, Others 7% No Response 0%
- Satisfaction : Satisfied 21.4%, Generally Satisfied 42.9%, Average 28.6%, Slightly Unsatisfied 7.1%, Unsatisfied 0%, No Response 0%

Program:

Access to the global market through participation in International organization

1. Introduction of ITU-D Activities and Its Utilization

- Yuzo Mori (Japan ITU Association)
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2. ITU Telecom World from Business Perspective: Experience Sharing by an Exhibitor

- Norikatsu Ohishi (Nextech Co. Ltd)
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3. Discussions

- Discussions and Q&A by participants on: 1) ITU itself 2) Business activities and contributions in developing countries through ITU-D and other fora
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4. AOB:

- ICANN Organised Event for Youth in the APAC Region
Yumi Ohashi (ICANN Japan Liaison)
 - Contribution by Japan IGF on Preparation for NRI session for IGF2017
Izumi Okutani (Japan IGF Coordinator)
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Next Meeting: 13th July 2017

Summary:

This meeting covered the theme of opportunities for Japanese private sector in contributing to developing countries through participation in fora such as ITU Telecom World, with two presentations, followed by discussions.

The first presentation introduced ITU itself, ITU-D, ITU Telecom World and how there are opportunities for business activities and contributions in developing countries through ITU-D. The second presentation shared experience of Nextech Co.Ltd, an

exhibitor at ITU-Telecom World. Nextech Co.Ltd developed wireless access point chargeable by sola power. An observation was shared on how it could provide business opportunities for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), by meeting the needs of business activities of SMEs as well as the needs of developing countries.

Each presentation was followed by discussions and Q & A by participants. The session helped deepen understanding on ITU-D activities and potential for business activities and contribution by Japanese private sector in the global market, where different market and needs are observed in developing countries, with specific examples of recycling and energy saving products.

The AOB covered two topics. The first topic was an introduction of Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) organized by ICANN and KISA, as an event for youth engagement and capacity building. The second topic was an update on Japan IGF activities with focus on response and contribution from Japan IGF, to the surveys for NRI sessions for IGF2017.

Additional details:

- Several questions were raised from participants on ITU activities such as:
 - Extent of ITU involvement and activities in Internet related issues
 - Difference in roles between ITU-D and ITU-T
- A question was asked about ITU's position on international regulations such as ITR discussed at WCIT in relation to the Internet, where there could be technical implications.
 - It was explained by a participant in the discussions that ITU is a forum of discussions by the Member States and ITU itself does not have a position.
- An observation on business activities in developing countries were shared, on how the market needs, and business environment are different from Japan
 - Products and Services which save energy, cost, or lead to recycling are highly valued in developing countries, even in areas where there are no strong needs observed in Japan
 - Business environment and regulations are often more flexible than in Japan
 - Slogan by UNCTAD "eTrade for all" was shared, with an observation that supporting developing countries is one of the important themes as a part of SDG activities.
 - Transfer of technology was shared as one of the challenging issues in trade

raised by WTO, including copyrights

- Discussions in Transform Africa Summit was shared
 - Roughly 4,000 participants from 40 countries, hosted by Rwanda.
 - Smart cities in African countries was one of the themes; sharing the current situation in Africa seeking for ICT utilization and features of Rwanda as the host countries
 - Rwanda has geographical strength of being in Central Africa. There is national strategy to increase digital exports, promote show cases to different regions in the African continent.