

Technical Bureau Mid-Year Meeting 09 & 10 June 2023 | Mediacorp, Singapore

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The Secretary-General, Ahmed Nadeem, in his opening remarks emphasised on the importance of collaboration and sustainability. He expressed to maintain the same level of engagement and relationship with the members as he transitioned from Director of Technology to the Secretary-General. The bureau welcomed Dr Veysel Binbay who was recently appointed as the new Director of ABU Technology.

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The report also provided an update on other activities that were managed by the Technology department including International Cooperation and Partnership such as A23 Global Conference, Broadcast Asia 2023 & Technical Review Magazine Publications.

The Bureau also approved the ABU Young Engineers' Broadcasting Award Guidelines recently recommended by a task group to review the existing Engineering Awards and its guidelines. The members also heard outcomes and suggestions from the new task group to review the study projects under the four Study Topic Areas, including their terms of reference. The secretariat is now in the process of putting together the revised Terms of Reference and update some Topic Areas at the annual meeting in October after completion of its study cycle.

Among other things, the bureau conducted a thorough review of the tasks and action items assigned since the last meeting. The bureau also reviewed the schedule for this year's annual Technical Bureau and Technical Committee meetings which will be held in Seoul South Korea in October.

The meeting was adjourned with the Chairman's final remarks, in which he wished everyone well and emphasised the importance of staying in touch during this difficult time. The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the meeting.

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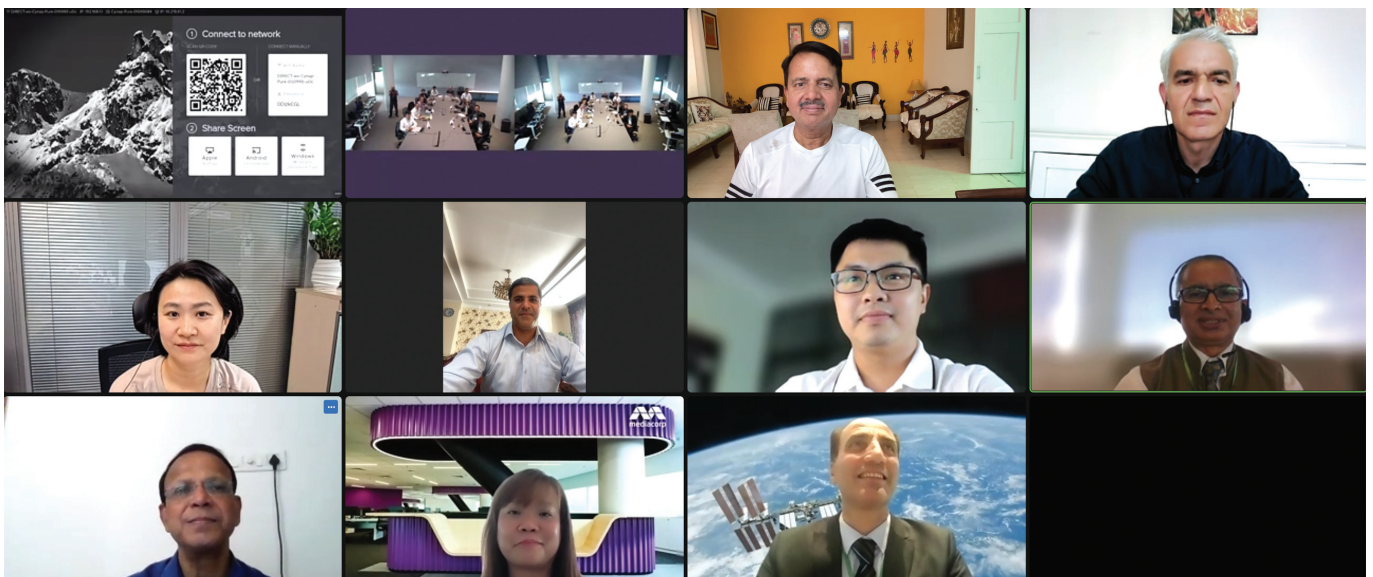


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