

Technical Bureau Mid-Year Meeting 2024
23 & 24 April 2024 | Beijing, China

The ABU Technical Department has organised the ABU Technical Bureau Mid-Year Meeting on 23rd to 24th April at Hualuxe Beijing Xinan Hotel in China. Hosted by RTPRC (NRTA), the meeting was conducted in hybrid mode.

Mr. Masashi Kamei of NHK-Japan, Chairman of the ABU Technical Committee was chaired the meeting, joined by Vice-Chairman, MR Sheng Zhifan of RTPRC (NRTA) – China. The meeting was attended by representatives from NHK–Japan, PB-India, Mediacorp-Singapore, and IRIB-Iran. Remote participants joined from VOV Vietnam, RTM Malaysia, NTV Nepal, PB India, KBS Korea, and Phoenix Hong Kong, China.

The meeting was started with opening remarks by ABU Secretary-General Mr Ahmed Nadeem with his overview on the comprehensive three-year plans crafted for the technical bureau. He also focusing in the initiatives aimed at enhancing members’ activities within the organisation. The broader strategic plans for ABU, emphasising the streamlining of the General Assembly for improved efficiency and effectiveness was elaborated by him during his opening remarks.

The meeting commenced with the introduction of the new Technical Bureau members, followed by updates on various projects from their respective organisations. Followed by updates from all members on the current situation, this information sharing exercise proved beneficial to members, allowing them to learn from experiences by others and appreciate the situation of other members. Dr Veysel Binbay, Director of ABU Technology was led and present the activity report to the bureau members. Amongst the items presented was a review of TB tasks and actions, which included updates on different activities, one of which was the DBS2024.

The discussion about DBS continued emphasising on the strategies to enhance involvement and input from TB members. Dr Veysel Binbay provide insight into ABU’s initiatives to establish something new and special session tailored for TB members at the upcoming DBS event. Furthermore, various approaches for addressing vacant TB seats were explored during the discussion.

Then, the meeting continues significantly discussing on the topic revolved around a questionnaire that had been provided by the Chairman. This questionnaire was circulated prior to the bureau meeting, aimed to gather insights on the practices of TV and radio broadcasting within each respective organisation. It served as a valuable platform for sharing experiences and engaging in discussions regarding the variations in organisational practices.

Study Topic Areas report has been presented by designated chairperson for each topic. Mr P. Das from PB-India on Training & Services, Mr Yuji Nagata from NHK-Japan on Distribution, and Dr Li Leilei from RTPRC (NRTA) – China on Spectrum, though Dr. Li was not in attendance.

Before the meeting adjourned, the members reviewed and discussed the schedule for the upcoming annual Technical Bureau and Technical Committee meetings. These important meetings are scheduled to take place during the General Assembly, which is set to be held in the vibrant city of Istanbul, Türkiye, in the month of October. The meeting concluded with the Director of ABU Technology extending heartfelt thanks to the hosts and attendees for their valuable contributions and active participation.