



Minutes of AFACT Monthly Conference Call 2018-02-27, 13.30 BST/07.30 UTC

Revised

Participants:

Bangladesh: Mr. Pabitra Mistry

Japan: Mr. Kanenori Kedoin

Chinese Taipei: Dr. Eva Yi-Yuan Yueh, Ms. Annik Chun-Yu Kang

Iran: Ms. Parisa Hosseini

India: Mr. Raj Kumar Arora

Thailand: Mr. Supachok Jantarapatin, Natthaphat Rojanasupamit (Nott)

Agendas:

1. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 30 Jan 2018
2. 2018 AFACT mid-term program in Bangladesh: Discussion on Date, Venue and Program Title
3. Program Schedule Design and Distribution of Works
4. Update of AFACT's next Host Country selection
5. Miscellaneous

For an important business affairs Mr. Ali Ashfak, honorable AFACT Chair was in Singapore during the concall date, so, the concall meeting was presided over by Dr. Eva Yi-Yuan Yueh, the honorable CSC Chair

Agenda wise discussion & decision:

Agenda-1: Approval of minutes of meeting held on 30 Jan 2018

Decision:

-All participants approved the minutes of meeting (held on 30 Jan 2018) which was sent to all by the 2018 AFACT Secretariat.

Agenda-2: 2018 AFACT mid-term program in Bangladesh: Discussion on Date, Venue and Program Title

Discussion:

-All the participants discussed on the topic of organizing mid-term program in Bangladesh and fixing date of the program on such a date with facilitating major participation scope of important persons.

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-Dr. Eva talked on the date issue and asked Japan, Iran and Thailand and all to comment on the date and also asked Bangladesh Secretariat about the logic of fixing the date on 11 to 13 May.

-Mr. Pabitra on behalf of AFACT's Bangladesh Secretariat informed all that, the main logic of setting the date on above date is to get as much time as possible at our hand to organize the event and finish holding it before starting the holy Ramadan month starting from 16th May 2018. Another considerable reason was the on-going discussion with Bangladesh Government regarding AFACT's next program to become the host of the program and thereby requirement of enough time to better organize the upcoming program. He also requested all participants to come to a consensus of on the date issue with maximum convenient option. He also said that Bangladesh Secretariat shall notify about the date issue with government concerning AFACT's Chair Mr. Ali and as Mr. Ali could not able to join the concall for emergency business work in Singapore, so, after confirmation, Bangladesh Secretariat will announce the date to all immediately.

- Mr. Kedoin san said that the date schedule on 11-13 May is not convenient due to UN/CEFACT itinerary, but considering Bangladesh government's concern, there was no choice but to accept the schedule.

- Mr. Supachok, BDC Chair suggested the starting date from 14th or on 20th. He also suggested the date should be from 9-11 May, 2018.

-Ms. Parisa mentioned that, Iran has no problem on the given date or organizing it any day on May.

-Mr. Nott said that, the date for 9-11 May, 2018 is ok.

Decision:

-The concall participant's consensus of fixing the mid-term program date is on 9-11 May, 2018. But Bangladesh Secretariat shall finalize the date immediately and resend the revised invitation letter with updated date.

-The title of the next mid-term program would be 36th AFACT E-Business Summit and Plenary Meeting 2018.

-The venue would be at Le Méridien Dhaka. It is 2 kilometer distance from the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (Dhaka Airport) and located at the main link road between Airport and Dhaka City.

Agenda-3: Program Schedule Design and Distribution of Works

Discussion:

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-Dr. Eva discussed the mid-term program schedule and suggested that, the 3 days program schedule should be designed very perfectly to run in parallel of AFACT's regular meeting practices as well as new and innovative ideas added in this year's program by Bangladesh Secretariat.

On 1st Day:

StC Meeting require ½(half) day

BDC, TMC, CSC require ½(half) day

On 2nd Day:

-Cross border e-com, WG meeting should be held together with seminar

-Innovation pitching session with observer from StC, BDC, TMC, CSC and with Bangladesh Expert

-Gala dinner

On 3rd Day:

-Final decision oriented meeting of StC

-cultural visit and sight-seeing

Yearbook date line should be revised and announced from permanent secretariat, Iran in cooperation with Bangladesh Secretariat. All concerned committees should be asked to submit their details program within the time-frame to incorporate that in the Year Book 2018 and publish it with both electronic and print version.

Decision:

-The 3 days program should be finalized by the Bangladesh Secretariat after showing it to all concerned after getting draft program schedule from all BDC, TMC, CSC and working group committees.

-The program schedule should be designed by morning, afternoon time sorting.

-gala dinner should be on the 2nd day, due to possibility of leaving the international delegates early on the concluding day.

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-permanent secretariat would revise the Year Book publishing date line with incorporating some new topics and announce that to all with 10th March 2018.

Agenda-4: Update of AFACT's next Host Country selection

Discussion:

-Dr. Eva said that, the selecting of host country is a critical issue and we are working on it. Thailand's position on becoming the host is under consideration. May be on the next mid-term program with face to face meeting the issue would be resolved.

Decision:

-On the next mid-term program in Dhaka, host issue would be discussed and finalized.

Agenda-5: Miscellaneous

Discussion:

-Mr. Pabitra on behalf of AFACT's Bangladesh Secretariat humbly requested all honorable StC members, BDC, TMC, CSC and WG members, experts, supporters of AFACT to extend their cooperation, support, and suggestions to AFACT's Bangladesh Secretariat to successfully organize the upcoming 36th AFACT E-Business Summit and Plenary Meeting 2018. He also requested to honorable 3 vital committee & WG Chairs to formulate and submit their details program schedule to the Bangladesh Secretariat to incorporate that into the main program agenda.

-It was set that next concall meeting date will be on 27 March, 2018 at 1330 Bangladesh Standard Time (0730 UTC Time). But before the concall held formal notification from Bangladesh Secretariat should be required.

Decision:

-Next concall meeting will be held on 27 March, 2018 at 1330 Bangladesh Standard Time (0730 UTC Time).

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