



**35th Asia Pacific
Council for Trade
Facilitation &
eBusiness Plenary
Meeting and eAsia
Awards**

AFACT Brief Secretariat Report

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AFACT in 2017: Meetings

◦ 2017 Mid-Term Meeting

- Held in New Taipei City, Chinese Taipei, 19-21 April 2017
- Participating countries: Chinese Taipei, Japan, Iran (Via Internet), Korea and Thailand
- Secretariat : Dr. Mahmood Zargar, Ms. Azadeh Bagheri
- Review on the minutes of the 34th Plenary StC meeting held in November 2016 at Tokyo, Japan
- MoU signed between UNECE and AFACT on 3 April 2017 in Geneva
- Summary of the 2017 StC Conference calls and decisions made
- Secretariat Report presented by Ms. Hosseini

AFACT in 2017: Meetings

o 2017 Mid-Term Meeting (cont.)

- o 3 by committee and WG meetings
 1. TMC committee meeting held on 20 April and reported by TMC chair Mr. Sugamata
 2. BDC committee meeting and TMC/BDC/CSC joint meeting held on 20 April and reported by acting BDC chair, Mr. Supachok
 3. TTL WG meetings held on 19/20 April and reported by Mr. Suzuki, acting chair TT&L WG

○ Major Decisions made:

- It was approved that Mr. Lee, HoD of Korea and Dr. Ambreesh Kumar, HoD of India are the elected HoDs for 2 year term.
- Mr. Supachok Jantarapatin from ETDA, Thailand was decided to be named as Acting BDC Chair until a Chair is elected in the BDC at the next Working Group meeting.

○ **Major Decisions made (cont.):**

- The idea of defining two groups of AFACT members: Core members and Interest members, proposed by Dr. Gary Gong, 2017 AFACT Chair for avoiding difficulty of identifying the Host member in the future and 6 organizations were recommended by StC as the core members
- 2017 AFACT Secretariat was supposed to prepare a draft of the suggestion as well as the required amendment in the bylaws to seek the comments of StC

○ Major Decisions made (cont.):

- the amendment of eAsia Awards categories was suggested by 2017 AFACT Secretariat due to the need for encouraging new participation from more innovative public and private organization and idea was approved by the meeting; five new categories were:
 1. Trade Facilitation
 2. Open digital government
 3. Data driven value creation
 4. Special Honorary

○ Major Decisions made (cont.):

- the structure of 2017 eAsia Awards Evaluation committee was proposed and confirmed by the meeting: including 2017 AFACT chair, Japan as vice Chair, Elected HoDs of India, Iran and Korea, AFACT Secretary General, UN/CEAFACT Vice Chair and Rapporteur, TMC, BDC and CSC Chairs, Representative of UN/ESCAP and 3 local experts from Chinese Taipei

◉ Major Decisions made (cont.):

- ◉ Regarding AFACT Yearbook, StC decided to follow the idea of publishing AFACT Yearbook biennially from 2018
- ◉ Finally, AFACT 2017 Secretariat was announced the Plenary to be held on Sep. 11-13

○ **AFACT online meetings**

- 4 Tel-conferences from Midterm to present and 7 con-calls since the beginning of 2017:

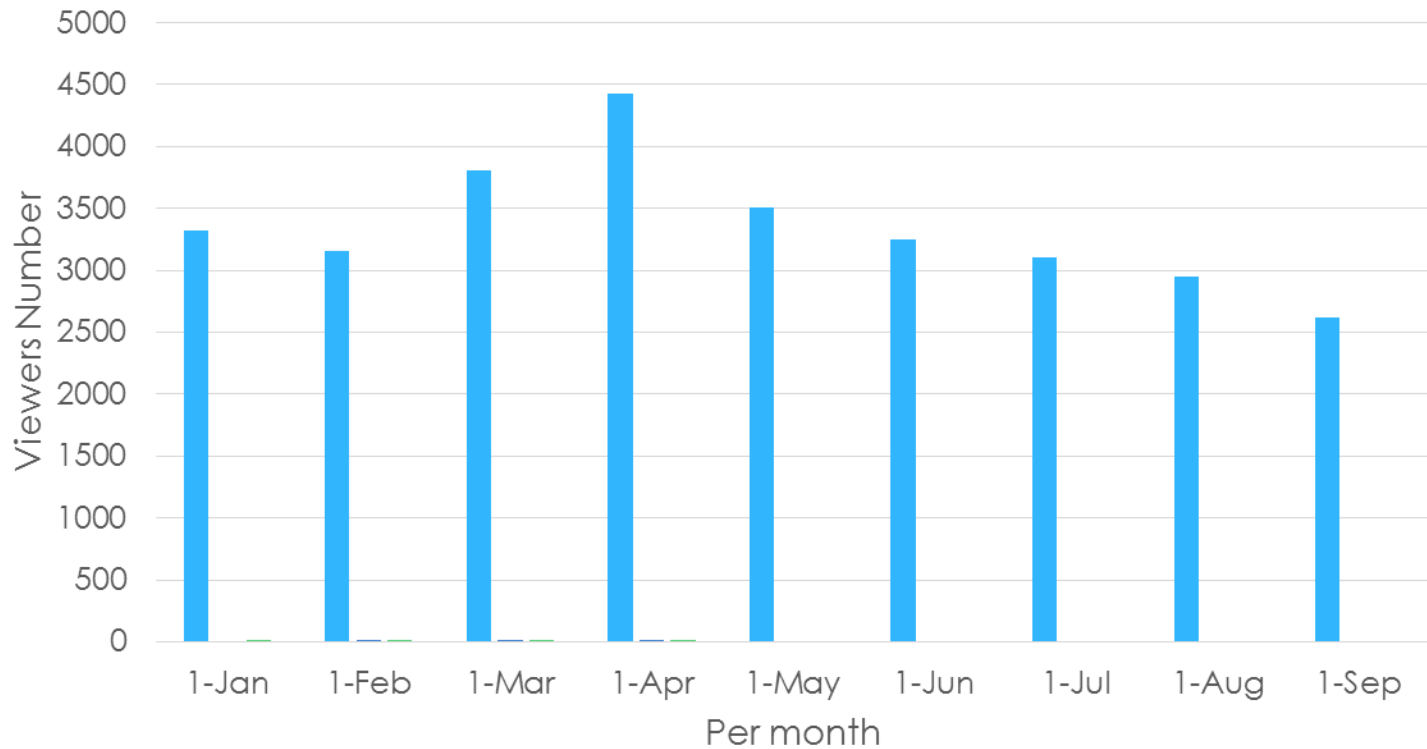
1. 04th Jan. 2017
2. 08th Feb. 2017
3. 07th March 2017
4. 24th May 2017
5. 21st June 2017
6. 26th July 2017
7. 23rd Aug 2017



AFACT Website in 2016

www.afact.asia

AFACT Website Viewers





List of completed WMRs

| WMR No. | Subject | Issued Date |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|
| WMR 0024 | Add a Marquee | 4/11/2017 |
| WMR 0025 | Advertizing MoU ECE and AFACT | 4/11/2017 |
| WMR 0026 | Advertizing MoU ECE and AFACT | 4/11/2017 |
| WMR 0027 | MoU ECE and AFACT | 4/29/2017 |
| WMR 0028 | Copying documents of MID-TERM meeting | 4/29/2017 |
| WMR 0029 | Sorting out current 'Photo gallery' | 4/29/2017 |
| WMR 0030 | Updating 2017AFACT eASIA Guideline | 5/4/2017 |
| WMR 0031 | Removing access of 2017AFACT eASIA Guideline | 5/26/2017 |
| WMR 0032 | Replacing the information of Japan HoD | 6/22/2017 |
| WMR 0033 | Updating Upcoming Events | 6/27/2017 |
| WMR 0034 | Updating title of Mr.Gong (StC Board member) | 6/27/2017 |
| WMR 0035 | Updating title of Mr.Kedoin (StC Board member) | 6/27/2017 |
| WMR 0036 | Replace a marquee | 7/6/2017 |

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Short Report on eAsia Awards 2017 Contest

- Deadline of recommended projects in whole package received by Host Secretariat on July 10th
- Announcement of Semi-finalist on July 31
- 2017 eASIA Awards host Secretariat has received totally 23 recommended projects from Bangladesh (8), China (1), Chinese Taipei (5), India (3), Iran (5) and Korea (1)
- the top 3 projects ranked in each category were selected and invited for the final evaluation on Sep. 12th

eASIA Awards 2017 Semi-finalists

| Categories | Country | Project Title |
|---|----------------|--|
| Trade Facilitation and eCommerce | China | Shenzhen Cross-border E-commerce Credible Transaction Security System |
| | India | Indian Customs SWIFT- "Single Window Interface for Facilitating Trade" |
| | Iran | Product track and trace system |
| Open Digital Government | Bangladesh | Hajj Management Information System |
| | Chinese Taipei | Innovative E-Invoice Service Applications of the Ministry of Finance |
| | Chinese Taipei | The Third-Generation Motor Vehicle and Driver Information System Project |
| Data Driven Value Creation | Chinese Taipei | CTBC Data Analytics Transformation |
| | Chinese Taipei | House+ Automated Valuation System |
| | Iran | ACH Fraud Management Project (Iranian ACH Fraud System) |
| Creating Inclusive Digital Opportunities | Bangladesh | National Intra-Network Project for Bangladesh Government (Info-Sarker) |
| | Chinese Taipei | Eradication of digital divide and rural areas Service in Taiwan |
| | Korea | The Mobile P.O.S (Point of Sales) System |

AFACT Major Achievements

- The MoU between AFACT and UNECE was signed on 3 April at UNECE and it is effective:
<https://www.unece.org/info/media/presscurrent-press-h/trade/2017/unece-and-afact-formally-join-hands-for-cutting-red-tape/doc.html>
- Dr. Urachada Ketprom has been approved as Rapporteur for Asia and the Pacific with support from Mr. Khan, VC UN/CEFACT Bureau on UN/CEFACT plenary on 3 April.
- New members joining AFACT community, Dr. Kedoin, HoD of Japan

AFACT Major Achievements

- Great participation in eAsia Awards, 2017 specially from countries not very much active in previous years such as Bangladesh, Thanks to 2017 AFACT Secretariat
- Participation of AFACT General Secretariat in Regional Organizations Committee- Trade Facilitation (ROC-TF) 2017, 4-7 Sep in Indonesia organized by UN/ESCAP

AFACT Major Challenges

- Difficulty of identifying the Host member in the future
- Defining core vs interest members
- Motivating other AFACT member states



AFACT in 2018

- Midterm and Plenary Meetings Hosted by Bangladesh
- Submission of Materials for yearbook 2018; the schedule to be discussed with StC members



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Thank You!