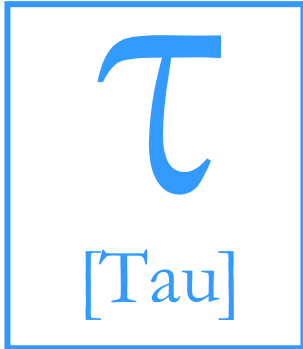



GROUP DISCUSSION 2

Policy Development for USO/USP in ASEAN

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What is τ [Tau]?

- Tau is (upper case T, lower case τ) is the 19th letter of the Greek alphabet.
 - In the system of Greek numerals it has a value of 300.
 - This letter in English is pronounced taʊ (as the first syllable in "tower"), but in Modern Greek, this letter's name is pronounced tæf.
- Lower case tau is also a symbol for:
 - A force (Torque)
 - A symbol of life and resurrection
 - A measure of opacity, or how much sunlight cannot penetrate the atmosphere
- Tau in Maori language is "year". Also means "to settle"
- Tau in Norwegian language means "rope"
- Tau [Tahu] is "to know" in Indonesian language.

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What is τ [Tau]?

- Tau represent the awakening, force, knowledge, resilience, bound, wonderful years and a settled future.
- More importantly, TAU is

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- TAU Project will be a way to look at telecommunication as the means to strengthen the regional solidarity, empower the knowledge, and to achieve a prosperous ASEAN.

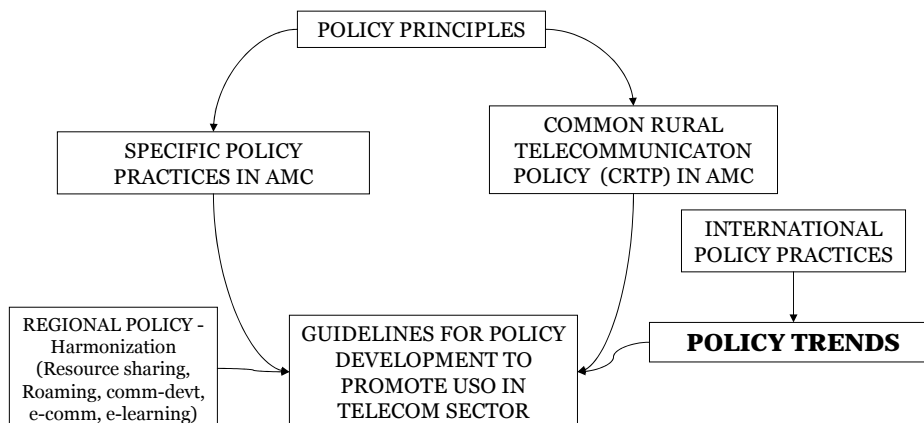
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Objective of Group Discussion: POLICY

- Identify common USO policy (policies) across AMC – CRTP ASEAN
- Agree and highlight examples to generate ideas on implementing universal service obligation in (rural) telecommunication in AMC

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FRAMEWORK TO DEVELOP POLICY GUIDELINES



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ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

- **Main Issues:**
 - Policy making process or policy aspects?
 - Policy making process: who are involved in the decision making (target area, USO/USP area, defining end user/beneficiaries)
 - Policy aspects: revenue collection, revenue storage, player/provider, monitoring/evaluation, technology choice, asset ownership, cost disbursement
 - Level of policy decision
 - Presidential decree, Ministerial decree, DG/1st Echelon, Regulator's decree
 - Measures of effectiveness
- **Side issues:**
 - Non-compliance, risk assessment, punitive measures and anti-corruption measures - policies
 - Procurement
 - Operation
 - Revenue structure
 - Source of revenue
 - Future (policy) development
 - Technology policy (e.g. WIMAX)
 - The cost estimation/bidding policy (no problem for USP Claim scheme)
 - Linkage between content and provision of infrastructure/services – next generation USO provision
 - Incentive for promoting USP Community

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SUGGESTIONS FOR:

- **Specific policy practices**
 - Pay or Play scheme
 - No gain, no loss scheme
 - Buy the service/Output-based Approach (OBA)
 - Others....???
- **Regional policy setting**
 - Resource sharing
 - Content development: community development linkage, e-comm, e-learning
 - Others....???

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