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## **A4AI-Myanmar Working Group Leaders Meeting**

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The Leaders of the four working groups met separately as individual groups to review the annual work plan of A4AI-Myanmar for 2017. The main decisions taken at their respective meetings are summarised below:

### **Working Group on Data and Research**

The working group met up with some seven of its members to discuss the progress made thus far. The members agreed to pursue the following activities in 2017:

- A recommendation note to the PTD for making data transparent and for public consumption: this would include data on pricing, Broadband coverage map, parameters and compliance, data traffic, etc. (by April 2017)
- A recommendation note to PTD for providing specific data to the CSOs and other app developers who might be interested in serving various segments of the market (by June 2017)
- Identify the needs of USF consultants and offer support with their research and data collection requirements (ongoing)

### **Working Group on Taxation working**

The working group has had good round of discussions with members on email although their frequency of face to face meetings was not regular. The working group is likely to pursue the following key activities in 2017:

- Complete Myanmar ICT fiscal map mainly to highlight the various taxation the industry and the market is subjected to (by April 2017)
- Smart phone market survey to determine taxation as deterrent to legalising the devices industry (by September 2017)
- Recommendations to PTD on the air-time tax being levied on consumers (by October 2017)

### **Working Group on Infrastructure development and sharing**

After the successful meeting in December, the group is yet to meet up face to face, but is likely to pursue the following key activities in 2017:

- A white paper on farm-land use and registration of premises for long-term use by infra companies (by April 2017)
- A white paper on construction permits and on the use of public infrastructure in urban locales (by September 2017)

Apart from the above, the infrastructure group will also deliberate upon the recent orders by PTD on two specific issues:

- Usage of generators that produce 60DB in a radius of 1 meter
- Decision of PTD to direct infra-companies to directly liaise with the 13 regional government, thus leaving the single window clearance policy into a distant dream

The infrastructure companies have recently formed an association called C2EA (connect to Everyone Association) mainly to lobby for their needs.

### **Participants of the meeting**

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