

## **Terms of Reference (ToR) for the NREN Leaders Forum:**

### **Scope:**

The Leaders Forum is envisioned as an ongoing initiative to bring together decision-makers and executives from the NREN community. Its scope includes high-level discussions on the challenges, opportunities, and future directions for NRENs.

### **Objectives:**

- Provide a platform for C-level executives from NRENs to engage in strategic discussions.
- Facilitate knowledge sharing on emerging technologies, best practices, and trends.
- Foster collaboration among NRENs.
- Promote and advocate for the interests of NRENs at a regional and global level.
- Identify needs, challenges and opportunities of emerging NRENs in the region.

### **Membership:**

- The Leaders Forum is open to C-level executives and decision-makers from NRENs.
- Invitations can be extended to key stakeholders, government representatives, and technology providers as deemed appropriate.

### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Members will actively participate in discussions and contribute insights.
- Members will engage in networking and explore opportunities for collaboration.
- Members will advocate for the collective interests of RENs.
- Members will contribute to developing strategies and recommendations for the NREN community.

### **Meetings:**

- The Leaders Forum will convene at least twice yearly during the APAN meetings, with an inaugural session at APAN56.
- Additional meetings or engagements can be scheduled as needed.

### **Reporting:**

- The Leaders Forum will summarise each meeting, outlining discussions, insights, and recommended actions.
- Reports will be made available to the REN community and other stakeholders.

### **Conclusion:**

The Leaders Forum will serve as a pivotal platform for engaging the leadership of RENs in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. By focusing on strategic discussions and collaborative approaches, the forum can have a significant impact on advancing the goals and vision of the REN community.