
PRESS RELEASE

Regulator hosts training on Children and Mobile Technology

The Office of the Regulator in collaboration with the GSMA (Global Association of Mobile Network Operators) is hosting a training on “mobile and Socio Economic Development” and “Children and Mobile technology”.

The training will be held at the Tanoa Tusitala Hotel Conference Room on 22-26 August 2016 and the Honourable Minister of Communication and Information Technology Afamasaga Rico Tupa’I will give the Opening Address.

The training is an initiative by the Office of the Regulator in response to the increasing issues of Mobile technology and their socio economic impacts as well as their impacts on children in Samoa.

Participants from the Government Ministries, Chamber of Commerce, IT Society and the Telecommunication Service Providers have been invited to attend the training

The training on Mobile and Socio Economic Development will look at the contribution that the mobile industry and mobile technologies make to the economy, and the wide range of mobile services that, particularly in developing countries, can transform people’s lives.

Participants will learn about regulatory best practices for the mobile sector, as well as practical steps that can accelerate the delivery and uptake of mobile-driven education, healthcare and financial services.

The training on children and mobile technology will focus on Children and young people as among the most avid users of mobile technologies, which can have a tremendously positive impact on their lives. Like any tool, however, mobile technologies can be used to cause harm, and parents, governments and industry have a role in protecting and supporting children who are connected. The training looks at the issue from several angles, including cultural

differences regarding children's use of mobile devices, child online protection and whether regulation is necessary.

The Course Moderator for this training is Ms Ronda Zelezny-Green a senior Digital Learning and Training Manager with GSMA. She holds over 10 years of teaching and delivering experience Ronda holds an MA in Applied Linguistics from the University of Massachusetts – Boston. She also has an MSc in Practising Sustainable Development with an ICT4D specialism from Royal Holloway, University of London, and is in the final year of her PhD at the same institution.

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