**A4AI-Myanmar Working Group Leaders Meeting**

**21 July 2017**

**Yangon, Myanmar**

The Leaders of the four working groups of the A4AI-Myanmar coalition met up with the National Coordinator and the A4AI team in Yangon on the 21st of July to review the progress made by the coalition and to discuss the next course of action. On the outset, the Working Group (WG) leaders recognised the need for the coalition to revise its working methodology and its operational strategy for achieving results.

The current model of four working groups striving to effect change hasn't proven successful for a variety of reasons, including that of the changes in government, its priorities and that of the WG's inability to convene members on issues that were prioritised in the various meetings of the coalition. The suggestion to merge the four working groups into one with focussed advocacy efforts might be tried going forward. In the meantime, the WG leaders have agreed to achieve the following during the third quarter of 2017:

- WG on Data and Research: Enumerate a set of indicators as Open data sets and demand the regulator to make provision for collecting and publishing the same in open data formats for further analyses and data visualisation
- WG on Infrastructure deployment and sharing: Publish a white paper on the challenges facing infra providers and telcos in infrastructure development in Myanmar, including the changes required in land acts and in the use of public infrastructure for telecom services
- WG on USAF: Review the draft universal access and service strategy and the proposal for the Universal Service and Access Fund for Myanmar being developed by intelecon, the consultants appointed for the purpose; and, offer collective feedback on the same
- WG on Taxation: Develop a telecom sector focussed fiscal map of Myanmar and publish the same for further discussions and consultations

While various avenues would be explored for advocacy among the government and the regulator, including that of the newly formed infra provider association, it was decided that the A4AI's neutral and multi-stakeholder brand would be used for strengthening the advocacy efforts. All the above deliverables would be achieved by end-September. Shaddy to assist the WG leaders in finalising the above.

Participants:

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5. Dr Thant Thaw Kaung, Lead, Working Group on Universal Access and Services, A4AI-Myanmar
6. Mr Myo Myint Aung, Lead, Working Group on Tariff and Taxation, A4AI-Myanmar
7. Ms Khin Su Lwin, Co-Lead, Working Group on Tariff and Taxation, A4AI-Myanmar
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