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Mr. Wanawit Ahkuputra has specialized expertise in Technology transfer and business development. He has a proven track record of building capacity, overseeing business development, identifying relevant technology-based solutions for complex problems, recruiting partners to participate, and managing related projects for a large variety of organizations, both from public and private sectors.



As the role RCEP Chair of WGEC – Working Group on Electronic Commerce since the establishment of the working group under the RCEP in 2015 and finished by the end of 2019 . In his most recent role as the Deputy Executive Director of ETDA, he was entrusted with crucial roles involving planning, promoting, developing, and implementing technological solutions that would transform Thailand into a digital economy in accordance to the government’s policy under the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society.

In the past 10 years, Mr. Wanawit Ahkuputra has taken leadership roles in several works related to Privacy and Information Security under ICANN and UN Global Pulse. The work aimed towards revising WHOIS, focusing on the New Generation Directory Register Service (GDRS) of ICANN, which is regarded as one of the largest dataset globally used to manage more than 250 million records of a global database. Mr. Wanawit was also the Co-chair in the establishment of Public Safety Working Group (PSWG) that is responsible for addressing issues concerned with internet security, privacy review teams, and public safety concern in terms of law enforcement in the agency stakeholder group. He was selected as one of the 25 members of Privacy Advisory Group from 2016 to 2017. The UN Global Pulse is a flagship innovation initiative of the United Nation’s Secretary General on big data, which embodies an ambitious vision of the future where big data is harnessed safely and responsibly as a public good. Its mission is to accelerate discovery, development, and scale adoption of big data innovation for sustainable development and humanitarian action. This initiative was established based on the recognition that digital data offers a great opportunity for us to gain better understanding of changes in human welfare, and to get real-time feedback on how well policy responses are working to improve lives of people

Current & Pass Assignment relate to Internet & ICANN

2023-Present **Experts Member**, Committee on supporting Thai Representative on the Government Advisory Committee (GAC) under the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), MDES-Ministry of Digital Economy and Society

- 2022-Present **Member**, Sub-Committee on Digital Platform (OTT), Office of The National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission.
- 2022-Present **Advisory Committee**, Committee on Information Technology and Committee on Personal Data Protection, Chitralada Technology Institute
- 2021-Present **Expert member** (Specializing in asset sales), the regulatory commission for escrow account affairs under Escrow Account Act – Ministry of Finance
- 2014-Present **Member**, Sub-Committee on Information Technology, Student loan Fund Ministry of Finance.
- 2017-2022 **Advisor to Permanent Secretary MDES** – Ministry of Digital Economy and Society
- 2016-2022 **Fellow** , IETF – Internet Engineering Taskforce
- 2016-2017 **Member**, Multistakeholder Advisor Group (MAG), UNDESA - Internet Governance Forum
- 2016-2019 **Chairman of RCEP WORKING GROUP ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE**, Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), Trade Negotiating Committee (RCEP-TNC)
- 2016-2017 **Member, Privacy Advisory Group (PAG)**, UNITED NATIONS Global Pulse
- 2014–2017 **Vice Chair, GAC Leadership** Government Advisory Committee (GAC) of Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
- Member of Cross Community Working Group to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions Working Group (CWG –Stewardship)
 - Co-Chair GAC Public Safety Working Group (PSWG)
 - Member of WG Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information PDP Working Group
 - Member of WG Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services to Replace Whois
- 2013-2016 **Head of Delegation, Thailand**
- ITU-WTSA ITU The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly
- ITU-Telecommunications Standardization Sector (ITU-T)