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| ***FCC - News from the Federal Communications Commission***  **Media Contact:**  Will Wiquist, (202) 418-0509  will.wiquist@fcc.gov  **Event Contact:**  Cecilia Sulhoff, (202) 418-0587  cecilia.sulhoff@fcc.gov  **For Immediate Release**  **FCC POSTPONES FORUM ON 5G VIRTUALIZED RADIO ACCESS NETWORKS**  ***--***  WASHINGTON, March 12, 2020—The Federal Communications Commission today announced that its Forum on 5G Virtualized Radio Access Networks will be postponed until further notice out of an abundance of caution and in response to evolving guidance regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. The Forum had been scheduled for March 26.  “The FCC’s foremost priority at this time, given the COVID-19 pandemic, is ensuring the health and safety both of its staff and the public. For that reason, we are taking the prudent step of postponing the vRAN Forum. I look forward to reconvening at another time when it is deemed safe to do so,” said Chairman Pai. “I hope that the excellent list of participants scheduled to participate in this forum will be able to join us at a later date and help us explore the policy and technical issues involved in open, interoperable, and virtualized radio access networks.”  Some of the experts expected to participate in the Forum included:  Tareq Amin, Rakuten  Cristiano Amon, Qualcomm  Mihai Banu, Blue Danube Systems  Stephen Bye, DISH Network  Caroline Chan, Intel  Charles Clancy, The MITRE Corporation  Ashutosh Dutta, Applied Physics Lab, Johns Hopkins University  Craig Farrell, IBM  Sachin Katti, VMware  James Kimery, National Instruments  Kaniz Mahdi, Ciena  Thierry Maupilé, Altiostar  Matthew Oommen, Reliance Jio  Bejoy Pankajakshan, Mavenir  John Roese, Dell Technologies  Mariam Sorond, CableLabs  Soma Velayutham, NVIDIA  More information about the forum, including the new date and a full agenda, will be posted on the event webpage at <https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/forum-5g-virtual-radio-access-networks>. The forum will be open to the public and will also be webcast.  ###  **Media Relations: (202) 418-0500 / ASL: (844) 432-2275 / TTY: (888) 835-5322 / Twitter: @FCC / www.fcc.gov**  *This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).* |
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