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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.

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