

Digital Nation Summit Tokyo 2026

Policy Leaders Roundtable

Wednesday 15th April 2026, JW Marriott Tokyo

Navigating Today's Infrastructure and Tomorrow's Policy Frameworks: Identifying Shared Realities for Japan's Mobile Industry

1. Session Overview

- **Date & Time:** Wednesday, 15 April 2026 | 12:00 – 13:30 (90 Minutes)
- **Venue:** JW Marriott Tokyo, Tsuki Room
- **Format:** Invite-Only Working Lunch
- **Governance:** Chatham House Rule
- **Chair:** John Giusti, Chief Regulatory Officer (CRO), GSMA
- **Participants:** Executives from Japanese MNOs (NTT Docomo, KDDI, SoftBank, Rakuten Mobile), Senior Officials from MIC, and Global Policy Experts, GSMA policy experts (Approx. 30 delegates)

2. Synopsis

As Japan accelerates the evolution of digital infrastructure, the collaboration between the public and private sectors is more vital than ever to ensure long-term investment certainty and national resilience. While the long-term vision sets the direction, progress depends on navigating immediate, practical challenges across spectrum modernization modernisation cybersecurity, and public safety. This lunch, chaired by GSMA CRO John Giusti, is designed as a facilitated executive dialogue and a collaborative platform for information exchange rather than a formal decision-making session. The aim is to test assumptions, and pinpoint operational and policy bottlenecks shaping Japan's mobile ecosystem—ranging from evolving spectrum requirements ahead of WRC 27 to the



integration of mobile technology in disaster response and emergency communications. Without the pressure of formal commitments or rigid roadmaps, this gathering provides a transparent space for senior leaders and government officials to test assumptions and explore areas of common interest in an informal setting. The insights gathered will help guide future cooperation and ensure that both domestic and international policy approaches remain grounded in the practical needs, risks, and opportunities facing Japan’s mobile sector.

3. Agenda

12:00 – 13:30	Navigating Today’s Infrastructure and Tomorrow’s Policy Frameworks: Identifying Shared Realities for Japan’s Mobile Industry
11:45 – 12:00	Arrival & Informal Networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival of delegates and seating
12:00 – 12:10	Opening & Framing Insights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks: John Giusti, CRO, GSMA – Global Policy Trends & the Purpose of this Dialogue
12:10 – 12:35	Moderated Roundtable Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive deep-dive into the 3 Policy Pillars; sharing perspectives and key challenges. Pillar 1: Spectrum Planning for "Today and Tomorrow" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus: Optimising current 5G-Advanced performance while securing a 6G Future with predictable roadmap for future bands. • Key Dialogue: Global spectrum harmonisation trends and their impact on Japan’s domestic network investment and capacity planning.



<p>12:35 – 13:00</p>	<p>Pillar 2: Cybersecurity & Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus: Strengthening the role of mobile networks as a pillar of national cybersecurity, safety and disaster early warning and response. • Key Dialogue: Exploring the technical and regulatory incentives needed to further integrate advanced mobile technology into Japan’s national resilience strategy.
<p>13:00 – 13:20</p>	<p>Pillar 3: Digital Trust Frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus: Navigating an increasingly complex threat landscape and evolving cross-border data policies. • Key Dialogue: Collaborative models between MNOs and the government to protect critical national infrastructure.
<p>13:20 – 13:30</p>	<p>Call to Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying shared areas of focus for future dialogue and cooperation.
<p>13:30</p>	<p>Close</p>

