Academy Workshop on
"Overview of ICTs and Sustainable Development"
13-14 November 2019

BACKGROUND

Asian and Pacific Training Centre for ICT for Development (APCICT/ESCAP) was established in June 2006 as a regional institute of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Incheon, Republic of Korea. The mission of APCICT is to build the human and institutional capacity of the 62 ESCAP member and associate member States to use ICTs for socio-economic development and attainment of the internationally-agreed development goals. To achieve its mission, APCICT delivers ICT human capacity building services through three distinct yet inter-related pillars of its work namely, training, research and knowledge sharing, and advisory services.

Since its inception, APCICT has designed and executed impactful ICT for development (ICTD) capacity building programmes to bridge the digital divide. The Centre's flagship training programme is the Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders ('Academy'), which aims to impart training using 12-module curriculum to policymakers and government officials for leveraging the potential of ICTs for achieving national development goals. Since its launch, the Academy has been rolled-out out in 40 countries in the region. The Academy curriculum is currently available in 16 languages.

APCICT partners with the Union Civil Service Board (UCSB) of Myanmar in rolling out the Academy in the country. The first ICTD capacity building workshop was held in the country on 29 March to 3 April 2010 at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar), which also marked the launch of the Academy programme. Subsequent trainings were held in from 2011 for senior government officials (at Director-General and Deputy Director-General level), as part of an 8-week Government Executive Officials Management Course organized by UCSB.

On 13-14 November 2019, APCICT will join UCSB's Government Executive Officials Management Course and will conduct a 2-day Academy training for senior government officials from various ministries and agencies.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the programme are the following:

- Build capacities of senior government officials and policymakers from Myanmar on ICT for development covered under APCICT's Academy curriculum;

- Promote an exchange of experiences and perspectives among participants from various institutions/agencies; and

ACADEMY MODULE AND RESOURCE PERSON

APCICT, with the support of technical resource person, will deliver training on the following Academy Module:

Academy Module on "An Overview of ICTs and Sustainable Development"
Resource Person
- *Dr. John Ure, APCICT Resource Person, APCICT/ESCAP*

This module introduces the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the prism of ICTs. It provides an overview of the intersections between ICTs and the SDGs drawing attention to the various dimensions and sectors in which ICTs can provide valuable support for national governments' plans and projects. The module highlights key issues and decision points, from policy to implementation, in the use of ICTs to meet development needs. The aim is to foster a better understanding of how ICTs can be used for social and economic development, and to equip policymakers with a development-oriented framework for ICT-based and ICT-supported interventions in a range of social sectors.

PARTICIPANTS

The workshop will be attended by around 30 government officials at Director levels from various ministries and agencies and trainers of UCSB.

ACADEMY WORKSHOP AGENDA

DAY 1

Time	Description
Academy Module on "Overview of ICTs and Sustainable Development" **Resource Person:** Dr. John Ure	
09:00-9:30	**Opening Session** ▪ Opening Remarks by Representative from UCSB ▪ APCICT Presentation by Mr. Kiyoung Ko, Director, APCICT/ESCAP ▪ Group Photo
9:30 – 10:30	**Session 1:** ▪ **ICT4D** A brief overview of key trends in ICT developments
10:30 – 10:50	Coffee Break
10:50 – 11:50	**Session 2:** ▪ **The SDGs** The 17 SDGs, Development Paradigms and Digital IDs
11:50 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	**Session 3:** ▪ **ICTs and the SDGs** How ICTs support each of the 17 SDGs
14:30 – 14:50	Coffee Break
14:50 – 15:50	**Session 4:** ▪ **Digital Planning and the SDGs** National, Sector and Smart City Digital Planning

DAY 2

Time	Description
	Academy Module on "Overview of ICTs and Sustainable Development" **Resource Person:** Dr. John Ure
09:00 – 10:00	**Session 5:** ▪ **ICTs, Govt and line ministry delivery of SDGs** ICT usage in e-Govt in support of SDGs
10:00 – 10:20	Coffee Break
10:20 – 11:30	**Session 6:** ▪ **ICTs, Govt and line ministry delivery of SDGs** ICT usage in the rural economy in support of SDGs
11:30 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:30	**Session 7:** ▪ **ICTs, the SDGs and Digital Transformation** Industry 4.0, and the importance of evidence-based policy-making
14:30 – 14:50	Coffee Break
14:50 – 15:30	**Closing Session** Evaluation Closing remarks