

Consultative Meeting on “Capacity Building for Digital Development in Asia and the Pacific”

27-28 November 2019, 6th Floor, G-Tower

Incheon, Republic of Korea

Concept Note

Information and communication technologies (ICTs) are changing the global economy and transforming societies and communities around the world. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes the enabling role of ICTs for enhancing productivity, raising resilience, fostering greater civic engagement and delivery of public services. The degree to which ICT can be leveraged in national development strategies and programmes depends not only on the state of ICT infrastructure and connectivity, but also on the human and institutional capacities to effectively use such technologies.

Recognizing the importance of ICT human capacity development, the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for ICT for Development (APCICT) was established in June 2006 as a regional institute of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). Since its inception, APCICT has designed and executed impactful ICTD capacity building programmes to bridge the digital divide. The Centre developed the “Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders” (Academy), a flagship capacity building programme for government leaders and civil servants. The Academy training modules cover various themes in digital development. These modules have been utilized in civil service human resource development programmes across the region in cooperation with national ICT ministries and civil service organizations.

APCICT continues to enhance the content and expand the coverage of the Academy to ensure its relevance in a constantly evolving ICTD landscape. In line with this effort, the Centre is organizing the **Consultative Meeting on “Capacity Building for Digital Development in Asia and the Pacific”** on 27-28 November 2019 to provide a platform for dialogue among APCICT’s partners and ICTD experts on effective strategies to support ICT capacity building in the region.

More specifically, the Centre will introduce the current efforts to enhance the Academy curriculum and to solicit comments on the updated training modules on **“An Overview of ICT and the Sustainable Development Goals”**; **“Information Security and Privacy”**, and **“Social Media for Development”**. The meeting is part of a broader participatory and inclusive process by which APCICT develops its ICTD capacity development programmes for member States.

OBJECTIVES

The Consultative meeting aims to:

- Exchanges perspectives, experiences and lessons learned on effective ICT capacity development strategies;

- Review and solicit comments on the updated Academy training modules to ensure its high quality and relevance to the target audience of government leaders and civil servants; and
- Discuss and develop a roadmap for the finalization and roll-out of the modules for government officials and civil servants in Asia and the Pacific.

PARTICIPANTS

The meeting will be attended by representatives from government, development organizations, civil society, academia and experts in the field of digital development.

STRUCTURE

The event will be held on 27-28 November 2019 in Incheon and will consist of a series of lectures, group discussions, and presentations.

AGENDA

| Day 1: 27 NOVEMBER 2019 | |
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| 9:00-9:30 | Registration |
| 9:30-10:00 | Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome remarks and presentation on APCICT by Mr. Kiyoung Ko, Director, APCICT/ESCAP ▪ Self-Introduction by participants ▪ Group Photo |
| 10:00-10:45 | Session 1 – An Overview of ICTs and Sustainable Development Module objectives and content presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Dr. John Ure, APICICT Resource Person</i> In this session, the module author provides an overview of the module on ICTs and Sustainable Development, learning outcomes, module objectives, target audience, structure, and course content |
| 10:45-11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00-12:00 | Session 1 – An Overview of ICTs and Sustainable Development (continued) Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Amit Prakash, Associate Professor and Convenor, Centre for IT and Public Policy, IIIT-Bangalore, India ▪ Ms. Kamolrat Intaratat, Director and Associate Professor, Research Center of Communication and Development Knowledge Management (CCDKM), Sukholthai Thammathirat Open University (STOU), Thailand |

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| | <p>Interactive discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitator: <i>Dr. John Ure, APICICT Resource Person</i> |
| 12:00-13:00 | Lunch |
| 13:00-15:00 | <p>Session 2 – Social Media for Development</p> <p>Module objectives and content presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Dr. Emmanuel Lallana, APICICT Resource Person</i> <p>In this session, the module author provides an overview of the module on Social Media for Development, learning outcomes, module objectives, target audience, structure, and course content</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Phuntsho Tobgay, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communications, Bhutan ▪ Mr. Tae-jun (David) Lee, Associate Professor, Korean Development Institute (KDI) School of Public Policy, Republic of Korea <p>Interactive discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitator: <i>Dr. Emmanuel Lallana, APICICT Resource Person</i> |
| 15:00-15:30 | Coffee break |
| 15:30-17:30 | <p>Session 3 – Information Security and Privacy</p> <p>Module objectives and content presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr. Freddy Tan, APICICT Resource Person</i> <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Asomiddin Atoev, ICT4D Consultant and Regional Project Coordinator, the SECDEV Foundation <p>In this session, the module author provides an overview of the module on Information Security and Privacy, learning outcomes, module objectives, target audience, structure, and course content</p> |
| 18:00 | Welcome Dinner |

Day 2 – 28 NOVEMBER 2019

| TIME | DESCRIPTION |
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| 9:30-10:00 | Registration |
| 10:00-11:00 | <p>Session 4 – Group Discussion</p> <p>The participants will breakout into 3 groups to discuss the relevance and the quality of each modules and collect feedback on the draft module for APCICT to consider (e.g., additional topics to be considered, target audience, other issues). Each group will be facilitated by respective module author.</p> |
| 11:00-11:15 | Coffee break |
| 11:15-12:30 | <p>Session 4 – Group Discussion (continued)</p> |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch break |
| 13:30-14:30 | <p>Session 5: Country presentations</p> <p>This session aims to facilitate the sharing of experiences among the participants as well as discuss future strategies to help member states build their capacities for digital development.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Iskandar Abdurakhimov, Department of ICT, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan ▪ Mr. Nguyen Thanh Tuyen, Deputy Director General, Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Information and Communications of Viet Nam ▪ Ms. Chittaphone Chansyliath, E-Government Center, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, Lao PDR ▪ Mr. Yudho Sucahyo, Professor, Faculty of Computer Science, University of Indonesia, Indonesia ▪ Mr. Shahid Akbar, Chief Executive Officer, Bangaldesh Institute of ICT in Development, Bangladesh |
| 14:30-15:30 | <p>Session 6: Next steps and closing</p> <p>Group reporting (20 minutes per group) Moderator: Dr. John Ure / Dr. Emmanuel Lallana / Mr. Freddy Tan / Mr. Kiyounng Ko</p> <p>Open Discussion</p> <p>Evaluation</p> <p>Closing of the Meeting</p> |

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