Expert Group Meeting: Review of the "Frontier ICTs for Sustainable Development for Government Leaders" draft module

1 April 2022 (Virtual)

BACKGROUND

The 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 sustainable development. To achieve its mission, APCICT delivers ICT human capacity building services through three distinct yet inter-related pillars of its work namely, training, knowledge sharing, and multi-stakeholder dialogue and partnership.

Since its inception, APCICT has developed and delivered impactful ICT for development (ICTD) capacity building programmes to bridge the digital divide. One of the Centre's flagship programmes is the Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders (Academy), which aims to strengthen the capacities of policymakers and government officials in leveraging the potential of ICTs to achieve national and global development goals. The Academy curriculum is utilized in 36 countries across Asia and the Pacific and various modules are available in 16 languages.

APCICT is currently developing an Academy module on "Frontier ICTs for sustainable development for government leaders". The module is designed to enhance government leaders and policymakers' knowledge on best practices, challenges and policy considerations pertaining to the use and application of Frontier ICTs for sustainable development. It specifically focuses on policy and regulatory implications; and highlights takeaways ad recommendations drawn from case studies in both developed and developing countries.

It is in this prospect that the Centre will conduct an Expert Group Meeting on "Frontier ICTs for Sustainable Development for Government Leaders" on 1 April 2022. The virtual review meeting intends to solicit feedback and comments on the aforementioned draft module, as well as to ensure its quality, accessibility, and relevance to the target audience. It will also provide a platform for experts to exchange perspectives, experiences and lessons learnt on effective ways in which Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Blockchain and other Frontier ICTs can be leveraged by governments to achieve Agenda 2030.

PARTICIPANTS

The meeting will be attended by representatives from ICT ministries and agencies, Academia and practitioners across the Asia-Pacific region.

RESOURCE PERSON

Pr. Suk-Kyoung Kim, Professor, Global IT Technology Program (ITTP), Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)

DATE AND VENUE

The meeting will be held virtually on 1 April 2022.

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MEETING AGENDA

**Expert Group Meeting on Frontier ICTs for Sustainable Development for
Government Leaders
1 April 2022
2:00pm Bangkok (UTC+7)**

Time*	1 April 2022 (Friday)
2:00pm – 2:10pm *(15 minutes)*	**Opening** • Welcoming remarks by Mr. Kiyoung Ko, Director, APCICT/ESCAP • Self-introduction of the participants Group Photo
2:10pm – 3:10pm *(60 minutes)*	**Review of the draft module** • Presentation by resource person
3:10pm – 4:10pm *(60 minutes)*	**Open Discussion** • Module Content • Additional topics/case studies to be considered • Target audience • Other issues
4:10pm – 4:25pm *(15 minutes)*	**Closing** • **Next steps and way forward** • Closing remarks

(*) Bangkok time, (UTC+7)