



APCICT Digital Leaders Programme

7-11 November 2022

Incheon, Republic of Korea

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 Centre's mandate is to build the human and institutional capacity of the 62 ESCAP members and associate member States to use digital technologies for sustainable development.

Since its inception, APCICT has been providing impactful capacity building programmes on digital development to support members States on their digital transformation and to bridge the digital divide in the region. Through its flagship programme, the **Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders (Academy)**, the Centre strengthens capacities of policymakers and civil servants on ICT policymaking and integrating digital technologies in national development strategies and programmes. Since its launch in 2008, the Academy has seen a wide uptake and institutionalization across the region and has been rolled-out in 40 countries.

Behind the rapid uptake and unprecedented achievement of the Academy lies the steadfast support and commitment of APCICT's network of partners around the region. To foster on-going collaboration, APCICT/ESCAP, in cooperation with Incheon Metropolitan City, is organizing the APCICT Digital Leaders Programme to convene existing and prospective national partners, discuss priority ICT capacity building needs as

well as provide a platform for open dialogue, knowledge-sharing and peer-learning. The Digital Leaders Programme will be held on 7-11 November 2022 in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

OBJECTIVES

The Digital Leaders Programme aims to:

- Strengthen capacities of the Centre's network of Digital Leaders in the region on digital technologies for sustainable development;
- Deepen understanding among the Centre's national partners of the content of the Academy curriculum and its modules;
- Identify priority capacity building needs that need to be reflected in the Academy programme; discuss ways to enhance the content of the Academy modules;
- Exchange experiences and lessons learned on national ICT capacity building strategies and programmes; share perspectives and good practices on effective ICT capacity building; and
- Strengthen networking and collaboration among national partners.

Expected Outcomes

The following are expected outcomes:

- Enhanced understanding among participants on effective policies and strategies for leveraging digital technologies for sustainable development;
- The Centre's national partners have better appreciation of the Academy curriculum and how to integrate it in their national capacity building efforts;
- Comments and feedback from national partners on how to enhance the Academy modules and training content have been received;
- National partners are better informed of good practices from other countries on effective ICT capacity building; and

- Academy partners have developed a roadmap for national implementation of the Academy.

Key Discussion Areas

Over the course of the Meeting, the following will be discussed:

- **Introduction on the Academy curriculum and existing modules.** National partners will be introduced to existing Academy modules, covering topics such as: *Digital Government and Transformation; Cross-Sectoral Infrastructure Sharing for Broadband; Inclusive Digital Development; Realizing Data-Driven Governance; and Frontier ICTs for Sustainable Development.*
- **Introduction to new Academy modules.** National partners will be requested to provide feedback on new Academy modules that will be launched by the Centre in early 2023, covering topics such as *ICT for Active Ageing* and *Data Privacy, Protection and Regulation.*
- **Exchange of good practices and lessons learned.** National partners will share their ICT capacity building strategies and programmes for policymakers and civil servants for peer learning and exchange.
- **Developing National Action Plans for Academy Implementation.** National partners will discuss and share their plans for ICT capacity building in 2023, including strategies to localize and institutionalize the Academy in national human resource development frameworks.

PARTICIPANTS

The training will be attended by senior level representatives from ICT ministries and related agencies across Asia and the Pacific.

PROGRAMME AGENDA

Day 1 – Monday (7 November)	
Time	Description
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration</i>
09:30 – 09:45	Introductory Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Programme Overview by Mr. Kiyoung Ko, Director, APCICT/ESCAP
09:45 – 11:00	Session 1: Academy Module on Digital Government and Transformation Resource Person: Prof. Amit Prakash, Associate Professor, Centre for IT and Public Policy, IIIT-Bangalore The session will discuss the growing pervasiveness of digital technologies in public and private spheres, and how the adoption of these technologies can impact governance. It will elaborate on design approaches for digital government that are found to align well with the governance principles embedded in SDGs and elaborate on the key components of Digital Government strategies and plans.
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15 – 12:00	<i>Session 1 cont.</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Presentations - National Approaches on ICT Capacity Building of Civil Servants: Perspectives from South and South-West Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bangladesh Bhutan Nepal <i>Facilitator: Mr. Yudho Giri Sucahyo, Professor, Universitas Indonesia</i>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

14:00 – 15:15	<p>Session 2: Academy Module on Cross-Sectoral Infrastructure Sharing for Broadband</p> <p>Resource Person: Prof. Baharul Islam, Professor and Chair, Center of Excellence in Public Policy and Government</p> <p>The session will introduce cross-sectoral infrastructure sharing as a strategy to expand the reach of broadband connectivity at a lower cost. It will also discuss policy and regulatory issues, as well as challenges and opportunities of open access. The session will extend the discussion on different business models and roles of different players in promoting broadband connectivity.</p>
15:15 – 15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:30 – 16:30	<i>Session 2 cont.</i>
16:30 – 17:00	<p>Presentations - National Approaches on ICT Capacity Building of Civil Servants: Perspectives from South and South-West Asia (<i>continued</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maldives ▪ Pakistan <p><i>Facilitator: Mr. Asomuddin Atoev, CyberSTAR Project Regional Coordinator, The SecDev Foundation</i></p>
17:45 – 20:00	<i>Welcome dinner</i>

Day 2 – Tuesday (8 November)

Time	Description
09:00– 09:30	<i>Registration</i>
09:30 – 10:45	<p>Session 3: Academy Module on ICT for Active Ageing Resource Person: Prof. Moon Choi, Associate Professor, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)</p> <p>The session will introduce the draft Academy module on “ICT for Active Ageing” and provide an overview of its structure, main contents and key takeaways. Participants are expected to provide comments and feedback to ensure the module’s quality, accessibility and relevance to the target audience. It will also provide a platform for attendees to exchange perspectives, national experiences and lessons learnt on digital inclusion.</p>
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Session 3 cont.
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Presentations - National Approaches on ICT Capacity Building of Civil Servants: Perspectives from South-East Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indonesia ▪ Lao People’s Democratic Republic ▪ Viet Nam <p><i>Facilitator: Mr. Yudho Giri Suahyo, Professor, Universitas Indonesia</i></p>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

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14:00 – 15:15	<p>Session 4: Academy Module on Inclusive Digital Development Resource Person: Dr. Emmanuel C. Lallana, Chief Executive, Ideacorp</p> <p>The session will introduce the concept of inclusive digital development and explore the benefits and challenges associated with digital society, digital economy and digital policies. It will emphasize policy considerations that can help government officials identify the policies and programs needed to design, develop, and implement an inclusive digital development strategy.</p>
15:15 – 15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:30 – 16:30	Session 4 cont.
16:30 – 17:00	<p>Presentations - National Approaches on ICT Capacity Building of Civil Servants: Perspectives from South-East Asia (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Philippines ▪ Thailand ▪ Timor-Leste <p><i>Facilitator: Mr. Jakkaniit Kananurak, Vice President of Digital Manpower Development and Promotion Department, Digital Economy Promotion Agency, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society</i></p>

Day 3 – Wednesday (9 November)

Time	Description	
07:00 – 07:30	<i>Registration and Departure from Songdo to Seoul</i>	
09:30 – 12:30	Asia Pacific Digital Ministerial Conference 2022, Seoul (GC members only)	<i>Site visit</i>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 16:00	17th Session of the APCICT Governing Council (GC members only)	<i>Site visit</i>
17:00 -	<i>Departure from Seoul to Incheon</i>	

Day 4 – Thursday (10 November)

Time	Description	
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration</i>	
09:30– 10:45	<p>Session 5: Academy Module on Realizing Data-Driven Governance Resource Person: Dr. Emmanuel C. Lallana, Chief Executive, Ideacorp</p> <p>The session will inform policymakers on the role of accurate, accessible, timely and reliable data in enhancing governance, formulating policies and strategies, and delivering services. It will elaborate on the role of data to support evidence-based policymaking, and in implementing and monitoring progress on the SDGs. The session will also discuss key issues that can help identify enabling policies and facilitate data-driven governance.</p>	

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10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Session 5 cont.
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Presentations - National Approaches on ICT Capacity Building of Civil Servants: Perspectives from North and Central Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Armenia ▪ Azerbaijan <p><i>Facilitator: Ms. Sholpan Yessimova, National Consultant and Professor of Creative Industry Department, Astana Civil Service Hub and Astana IT University</i></p>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:15	<p>Session 6: Academy Module on Frontier ICTs for Sustainable Development Resource Person: Prof. Suk-Kyoung Kim, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)</p> <p>The session will provide a technological overview of frontier ICTs, including their scope, common features as well as the barriers and risks of scaling these technologies. It will also highlight essential policy considerations and recommendations to help policymakers identify key directions in the development, application, and deployment of frontier ICTs for sustainable development.</p>
15:15 – 15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:30 – 16:30	Session 6 cont.

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16:30 – 17:00	<p>Presentations - National Approaches on ICT Capacity Building of Civil Servants: Perspectives from North and Central Asia (<i>continued</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tajikistan ▪ Turkmenistan <p><i>Facilitator: Mr. Asomuddin Atoev, CyberSTAR Project Regional Coordinator, The SecDev Foundation</i></p>
17:00 – 17:30	<p>APCICT Virtual Academy Demonstration</p>

Day 5 – Friday (11 November)

Time	Description
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration</i>
09:30– 10:45	<p>Session 7: Academy Module on Data Privacy and Protection: Embracing a Global Standard Resource Person: Atty. John Fajardo, Partner, Fajardo Law Offices</p> <p>The session aims to solicit comments and feedback from participants on the concept note and annotated table of contents of the upcoming Academy module on “Data Privacy and Protection: Embracing a Global Standard”. It will elaborate on the evolution of international privacy principles and frameworks that influenced (and continue to influence) national data privacy legislations.</p>
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Session 7 cont.

Day 5 – Friday (11 November)

12:00 – 12:30	<p>Presentations - National Approaches on ICT Capacity Building of Civil Servants: Perspectives from East and North-East Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mongolia▪ Fiji▪ Tonga <p><i>Facilitator: Ms. Anju Mangal, Regional Head of Asia-Pacific, Alliance for Affordable Internet</i></p>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Group Discussion: Strengthening National Implementation for the Academy Programme</p>
15:30– 15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:45 – 16:45	<p>Plenary Reporting</p>
16:45 – 17:00	<i>Closing Session</i>