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ECO-APCICT Webinar on Artificial Intelligence Essentials for Policymakers and Civil Servants

17 March 2026, 10h00-12h00 (Tehran time)

Background

Artificial Intelligence is reshaping public administration, economic competitiveness, industrial development, and regulatory systems. In March 2024, the United Nations adopted Resolution 78/265 on “Safe, Secure and Trustworthy AI,” calling upon Member States to promote human-centric, rights-based, and development-oriented AI governance. Globally, governments are aligning their AI strategies with frameworks such as:

- UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of AI
- OECD AI Principles
- European Union Artificial Intelligence Act
- NIST AI Risk Management Framework
- ISO/IEC 42001 AI Management Systems

This ECO-APCICT Webinar on Artificial Intelligence Essentials for Policymakers and Civil Servants will introduce a structured capacity-building programme designed to support ECO Member States in building robust, internationally aligned AI governance ecosystems. The participants will:

- Understand global AI governance trends and regulatory developments
- Examine strategic implications of AI in the Industry 5.0 era
- Explore a rights-based and risk-based approach to AI governance
- Review national AI readiness and regulatory alignment tools
- Identify practical governance deliverables for implementation

Programme Agenda

9:45-10:00	Connecting participants and connectivity testing
10:00-10:10	Opening remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Seyed Jalaledin Alavi Sabzevari, Director for Transport and Communications, ECO Secretariat• Mr. Kiyoung KO, Director of APCICT (<i>Asian Pacific Training Center for ICT for Development</i>), ESCAP
10:10-10:30	A brief introduction by the representatives of the ECO Member States of their national ICT/digital and AI policies (<i>3 minutes each</i>)
10:30-11:30	Presentations by the APCICT Expert Mr. Timothy Tay: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AI Essentials for Policymakers and Civil Servants Followed by an interactive discussion/Q&A
11:30-12:00	Recommendations and potential areas for cooperation Summing up and closure