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SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

Building Digital Resilience with Data

2 September 2026,12:15 pm - 1:30 pm

Meeting Room H, United Nations Conference Center (UNCC), Bangkok, Thailand

Background

Accurately measuring the state of digital resilience requires robust and reliable data. Trusted sources, such as official government statistics, regulatory and network performance data, and recognized regional and international data-collection mechanisms, provide the credibility and consistency needed for such data to meaningfully inform policy priorities, highlight vulnerabilities and support objective benchmarking of progress. Without reliance on trusted sources, digital resilience assessments risk being fragmented, inconsistent or difficult to compare across countries and over time.

However, the availability and reliability of such data is not automatic. It also depends on strong data governance capacity, including data quality, stewardship, standards, interoperability, data sharing, privacy, security and ethical data use. Without these foundations, even data drawn from trusted sources risks being inconsistently managed or underutilized in policymaking.

The Internet Society and the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT) are organizing a panel session to share good practices in using data from trusted sources to highlight vulnerabilities, inform policy priorities and decisions to address existing gaps, and objectively benchmark progress in strengthening domestic and regional digital resilience. The session will also examine the data governance capabilities that governments need to generate, manage and apply such data responsibly, ensuring that resilience-building efforts are grounded in evidence that is not only available but also trustworthy.

Objectives

The objectives of the event are:

- *Highlight country-level and regional initiatives to gather and make use of data to ground digital resilience-building initiatives*
- *Showcase good practices in tracking technologies adoption, digital infrastructure rollout, market readiness and network performance*
- *Examine the data governance frameworks and capacity-building approaches governments need to ensure government data is trustworthy, well-managed and effectively applied to policy decisions*

Date and venue

- *Date and time: 2 September 2026, 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm*

- *Venue: Meeting Room H, United Nations Conference Center (UNCC), Bangkok, Thailand*

Target participants (By invitation only)

- *20-30*

Organizers and partners

- *Internet Society (ISOC)*
- *Asian and Pacific Training Centre for ICT for Development (APCICT)*

Language

This event will be conducted in *English*

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PROGRAMME

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12:15 – 1:30	***Welcome Remarks*** ***Mr. Kiyoung Ko**, Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP and Officer-in-Charge, APCICT (5-8 mins)* ***Panel Session*** *Crowdsourcing data to validate quality of Internet service provision* ***Ms Sukumal Kitisin**, Kasetsart University* *Benchmarking and tracking progress in resilience-building* ***Mr Pavel Farhan**, IO Foundation* *Data Governance for Digital Resilience* ***Mr. Jonathan Palmer**, APCICT Academy Expert* ***Moderated discussion:** What does existing data tell us about the state of digital resilience in APAC? (15-20min)* ***Wrap up*** *Moderator:* ***Ms. Noelle de Guzman*** *Senior Director for Regional Affairs, Asia-Pacific, Internet Society*