

First session of the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS) Steering Committee

1-2 November 2017

AGENDA

Venue: Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Day 0: Tuesday 31 October 2017	
Surma Hall	
13:30-18:00	<p>Preparatory Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction remarks by ESCAP • Discussion with Steering Committee members and partners (Terms of reference, plans and proposals for the 2017-2018 implementation plans) • Discussion on Subregional Steering Group and Implementation Group (Terms of reference, composition, plans and proposals for the 2017-2018 implementation plans) • Ms. Jane Elizabeth Lawson, UNV Regional Office Officer-in-Charge (Peacebuilding and Crisis Response Specialist), UN Volunteers, “Building Capacity for the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway through Volunteerism and South-South Cooperation”
19:00 – 20:00	<i>Welcome Dinner at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel (Government of Bangladesh)</i>

Day 1 : Wednesday 01 November 2017	
Session 1: Inaugural Ceremony	
Grand Ballroom	
08:30 – 08:55	Arrival of Participants and Guests and Registration
08:55 – 09:00	Arrival of the Chief Guest
09:05 – 09:10	Welcome Address by Director General (Additional Secretary), Department of Information and Communication Technology (DoICT), Government of Bangladesh
09:10 – 09:15	Opening Remarks UNESCAP Representative
09:15 – 09:25	Keynote Presentation On behalf of the Government of Bangladesh
09:25 – 09:30	Address by Guest of Honor

09:30 – 09:50	<p>Address by Special Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Md. Mofazzel Hossain, Secretary-in-Charge, Ministry of Railways • Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Secretary, Road Transport and Highways Division
09:50 – 10:00	<p>Address by Chair</p> <p>❖ Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak MP, Honorable State Minister, Information and Communication Technology Division (ICTD), Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh</p>
10:50 – 10:15	<p>Address by Chief Guest</p> <p>❖ Mr. Abul Maal A Muhith, Honorable Finance Minister, Ministry of Finance, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh</p>
10.15 – 10:30	<i>Group Photo and Refreshment</i>
10:30 – 10:40	<p>Session 2: Election of Bureau and Adoption of the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to ESCAP Resolution 73/6, sponsored by Bangladesh • Objectives and structure of the meeting: by ESCAP • Introduction of Participants • Election of Bureau • Adoption of the Agenda
10:40 – 11:30	<p>Session 3: AP-IS Governance Structure</p> <p>Moderator: Chair of AP-IS Steering Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory remarks by ESCAP: Composition and Terms of reference - Steering Committee, Steering Group and Implementation Group, monitoring, coordination and advisory functions of the Steering Group • Discussion
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Session 4: Emerging trends, opportunities and proposed activities for AP-IS</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Rohan Samarajiva, Chairman, LIRNEasia.</p> <p>Regional Dimensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ State of ICT in Asia and the Pacific 2017: by ESCAP ❖ <i>Pillar 1 (Connectivity):</i> ❖ <i>Mr. Rajendra Singh, Senior Regulatory Specialist, World Bank, “ICT Connectivity”</i> ❖ <i>Mr. Hui Chen, Deputy Director, Industry and Planning Research Institute, China Academy of Information and Communications</i>

	<p>Technology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mr. Carlos Katsuya, EMENA/Asia Regional Lead, International Corporation Fund (IFC) Singapore Office ❖ Mr. Ke Seetha Ram, Advisor to Dean, Asia Development Bank Institute, “Initiatives at the ADB for Improving Access to Information and Communication in Asia and the Pacific”. ❖ Mr. Michael Ruddy, Director of International Research Terabit Consulting, “Overview of Broadband Market in Asia-Pacific” ❖ Mr. Phet Sayo, Senior Program Officer, Networked Economies, International Development Research Centre (IDRC). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion
<p>12:30 – 14:30</p>	<p>Lunch (Government of Bangladesh)</p> <p>Informal Interactive Session: AP-IS Partner’s Initiatives (13:15 – 14:30), Grand Ballroom.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Duangthip Chomprang, Director, Office of Regional Cooperation and Support, International Institute for Trade and Development.</p> <p>Speakers :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ms. Suparna Roy, Public Sector Head, Microsoft Bangladesh ❖ Mr. Rabah Gehzali, Group Director Public Policy, Veon. Netherlands ❖ Ms. Sanaz Hosseini, International Business Development Expert, Monenco Iran Consulting Engineers, Tehran, Iran. (To be confirmed)
<p>14:30 – 16:00</p>	<p>Session 4: Continued</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Phet Sayo, Senior Program Officer, Networked Economies, International Development Research Centre (IDRC).</p> <p>Regional Dimensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Pillar 2 (Internet Traffic & Network Management):</u> ❖ Mr. Rajnesh Singh, Managing Director, Internet Society Asia-Pacific. ❖ Mr. Duncan Macintosh, CEO and Executive Director, APNIC Foundation, “IXPs and IPv6 in Asia-Pacific” ❖ Ms. Joyce Chen, GSE Strategy & Development Senior Manager Asia Pacific, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). • Discussion • <u>Pillar 3 (E-resilience):</u>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Mr. Jeffry Llanto, Executive Director, CVISNET Foundation Inc., “The Moveable and Deployable ICT Resource Unit Project (MDRU-Project)”</i> • Discussion • <i>Pillar 4 (Broadband for all):</i> ❖ <i>Mr. Jian Xi Teng, Programme Officer, ICT in Education, UNESCO, Bangkok, Thailand.</i> ❖ <i>Mr. Basheerhamad Shadrach, Asia Coordinator, Alliance for Affordable Internet, World Wide Web Foundation, “Broadband affordability”</i> ❖ <i>Mr. Rohan Samarajiva, Chairman, LIRNEasia.</i> ❖ <i>Chat Garcia Ramilo, Executive Director, Association for Progressive Communications (APC), Philippines (TBC).</i> • Discussion
16:00 – 16:15	Tea/Coffee Break
16:15 – 16:30	<p>Session 5: AP-IS Steering Committee Implementation Plan 2017-2018</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Kabir Ahmed, Economic Counsellor, and Alternate Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UNESCAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary discussion and consolidation of proposed activities • Input from AP-IS Partners • Modalities of implementation
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel & Cultural Function (Government of Bangladesh)

Day 2 Thursday 02 November 2017	
Venue: Surma Hall	
09:00 – 9:15	<p>Session 6: Proposed Activities and Implementation for AP-IS</p> <p>Moderator: Vice Chair of AP-IS Steering Committee</p> <p>Subregional Dimensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of Subregional Steering Groups and Implementation Groups: by ESCAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identifying membership and subregional/national connectivity projects ii. Challenges and opportunities iii. Setting priorities and implementation plan
9:15 – 10:15	Session 6: South-East Asia

	<p>Moderator: Mr. Michael Ruddy, Director of International Research Terabit Consulting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subregional overview: by ESCAP ❖ <i>Mr. Lee Yeong Ro, Executive Researcher, National Information Society Agency (NIA), “Internet traffic and network management in CLMV countries”</i> ❖ <i>Mr. Kiyong Ko, Executive Vice President, Head of UN Cooperation and Global Consulting, Korea Telecom, “Codeployment”</i> ❖ <i>Mr. Jeffry Llanto, Executive Director, CVISNET Foundation Inc., “The result and impact of the “International Conference on Information Communication Technology on Disaster Preparedness and Response”</i> ❖ <i>Ms. Duangthip Chomprang, Director, Office of Regional Cooperation and Support, International Institute for Trade and Development, “Digital Trade”</i> • Initiatives, proposals and plans by member countries • Modalities of coordination and implementation • Discussions
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Session 6: South and South-West Asia</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Basheerhamad Shadrach, Asia Coordinator, Alliance for Affordable Internet, World Wide Web Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subregional overview: by ESCAP ❖ <i>Mr. Rajendra Singh, Senior Regulatory Specialist, World Bank, “Digital CASA”</i> ❖ <i>Mr. Rajnesh Singh, Managing Director, Internet Society Asia-Pacific.</i> • Initiatives, proposals and plans by member countries • Modalities of coordination and implementation • Discussions
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Session 6: North and Central Asia and East and North-East Asia</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Boris Demirkhanyan, Deputy Minister of Transport, Communication and Information Technologies, Ministry of Transport, Communication and Information Technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subregional overview: by ESCAP • Initiatives, proposals and plans by member countries • Modalities of coordination and implementation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch (Government of Bangladesh)
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Session 6: Pacific</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. David Butcher, David Butcher and Associates, New Zealand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Subregional overview: by ESCAP ❖ Mr. Kisione Wesley Finau, Director, IT Services/Japan Pacific ICT Centre, The University of The South Pacific, “ICT Connectivity in the Pacific Island Countries” ❖ Mr. Duncan Macintosh, CEO and Executive Director, APNIC Foundation, “Cyber Security & Computer Emergency Response Teams in the Pacific” ❖ Mr. Marc Lipton, Research Director, Pacific ICT Regulatory Resource Centre ❖ Mr. Sione Veikoso, President, Pacific Islands Telecommunication Association (PITA) • Initiatives, proposals and plans by member countries • Modalities of coordination and implementation • Discussions
15:30 - 16:00	Tea/Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Session 7: Outcome and the way forward of the AP-IS implementation</p> <p>Moderator: ESCAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of subregional Steering Groups and Implementation Groups discussions • The way forward
Session 8: Closing Ceremony	
Surma Hall	
17:00 – 17:05	Arrival of Chief Guest and Participants
17:05 – 17:15	Closing Remarks by UN-ESCAP
17:15 – 17:25	Closing Remarks by the Government of Bangladesh
17:25 – 17:35	Address by Chair
17:35 – 17:45	Address by Chief Guest