

**Capacity Building Workshop on  
“Universal Service Fund Modernization in a Post-COVID19 World”  
under the Framework of Asia Pacific Information Superhighway**

22-23 June 2022

13:00 -15:30 hrs (UTC+7, Bangkok time zone)

Virtual Mode via Zoom

**Tentative Programme as of 7 June 2022**

**Day 1 (22 June 2022)**

Time	Activities
13:00-13:15	<p><b>Session 1: Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Director, ICT and DRR Division, ESCAP</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Meas Po, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Cambodia, Chair of Steering Committee of Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator of the Day 1: ✓ Mr. James Cerven, Regional Technology Officer, U.S. Consulate General Sydney</p>
13:15-14:00	<p><b>Session 2: Research Report on Universal Service Obligations (USO) Modernization</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A summary of conclusions for ASEAN USF Strategy Discussions</li> <li>✓ Ms. Galuh Wulan, ASEAN – USAID IGNITE Program Manager for the Digital Economy, Jakarta, Indonesia</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q &amp; A (20 min)</b></p>
14:00-14:45	<p><b>Session 3: Case Study – USF Modernization</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief on recent USF legislation reform efforts</li> <li>✓ Mr. Masashi Nakagawa, Deputy Director, Telecommunication Policy Unit, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q &amp; A (20 min)</b></p>
14:55-15:00	<p><b>Session 4: Closing and Solicitation of Follow-on Questions for Next Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By Moderator</li> </ul>

Day 2 (23 June 2022)

13:00-13:30	<p><b>Session 5: Case Studies – Ensuring effective performance of universal service schemes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The presentation will include case studies of publicly available information on the necessary (fund disbursement rates) and sufficient (achievements of stated objectives) conditions of several Asian universal service schemes, supplemented by information obtained through interviews where necessary.</li> <li>Panelists (total 20 min): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Mr. Rohan Samarajiva, Chair, LIRNEasia</li> <li>✓ Ms. Gayani Hurulle, Researcher, LIRNEasia</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator of the Session 5: Mr. James Cerven, Co-Chair, AP-IS WG1</b></p> <p><b>Q &amp; A (10min)</b></p>	
13:30-14:15	<p><b>Session 6: Panel Discussion – Using USF for Impact in the Internet Economy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This session would examine investments ESCAP member states have made through USF systems in recent years, with a focus on infrastructure enabling the modern internet economy.</li> <li>Panelists (7-8 min each): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU-D</li> <li>✓ Mr. Charles Pierre Marie Hurpy, Senior Digital Development Specialist, World Bank</li> <li>✓ Mr. John Garrity, Chief of Party, USAID/Philippines Better Access and Connectivity (BEACON) Activity</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator of the Session 6,7,8,9: Ms Aida Karazhanova, Secretary of AP-IS WG1</b></p> <p><b>Q&amp;A (10 min)</b></p>	
14:15-15:00	<p><b>Session 7: Breakout Sessions and Feedback for Future Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants would break up into three groups and discuss individual needs and follow-on activities. Breakout moderators would receive informal feedback and questions and prepare requests for further information from member states for follow up discussions and programming.</li> <li>Facilitators of Groups: AP-IS Secretariat (note takers)</li> <li>Moderators: Working Group Chair and Vice Chair of AP-IS</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Lead Topic- Group 1:</b> <b>Digital infrastructure connectivity</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. James Cerven, Co-Chair, AP-IS WG1</p> <p><b>Facilitators: Surapong, SK</b></p>	<p><b>Lead Topic- Group 2:</b> <b>PPP on broadband infrastructure development</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Zorikto Gomboin, Vice Chair, AP-IS WG2</p> <p><b>Facilitators: Quynh, Elia</b></p>	<p><b>Lead Topic- Group 3:</b> <b>Use and impact of universal service funds</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Nam, Sang-yirl, Chair, AP-IS WG3</p> <p><b>Facilitators: Linling, Ivan</b></p>
15:00-15:20	<p><b>Session 8: Moderators Report from Breakout Sessions</b></p>	
15:20-15:30	<p><b>Session 9: Closing and Future Actions</b></p>	