

Outcome of the 16th Session of the Governing Council of APCICT

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for ICT for Development, I am pleased to brief you on the outcome of the Council's deliberations during its 16th session held virtually on 25 November 2021.

The 16th Governing Council session reviewed the implementation of the Centre's work programme as well as its administration and financial status.

These include the Centre's efforts to enhance its capacity development support to member States in the areas of digital government and transformation; ICT for disaster risk management; data-driven governance; data protection and privacy; ICT for climate resilient development; ICT for active aging; and frontier ICT technologies for development.

The Governing Council endorsed the Centre's 2022 workplan which focuses on providing more practical and impactful capacity-building programmes tailored to the needs of member States. The Governing Council also welcomed the ongoing ICT landscape study and assessment of capacity-building in Asia and the Pacific. The study intended to guide the Centre in identifying its strategic focus and positioning in the new digital era as well as in the development of the most relevant capacity-building programmes in the future.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Korea for its continued support of the work of APCICT. I would also like to thank member States who have provided valuable voluntary

contributions, as well as programme partners for their in-kind support to implement the Centre's programmes.

I take this opportunity to invite all ESCAP member states to collaborate and support the important work of the Centre, including through voluntary and in-kind contributions.