The 28th Session of the Interagency Working Group (IAWG) on Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

09:30 – 11:30, 14 March 2024, UNCC

Updated: 13 March 2024
IDD, ESCAP
Programme

09:00-09:30 Registration
09:30-09:50 Opening Remarks from ESCAP, APT, ITU
  • Mr. Tae Hyung Kim, Mr. Masanori Kondo, Mr. Sameer Sharma
09:50-10:00 Group Photo
10:00-10:30 Updates and plans in 2024 from ESCAP, APT, ITU
10:30-11:00 Presentations and Interventions of UN Agencies
  • Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund, UNPOG DESA
  • Ms. Soniya Nibhani, ICAO, APAC
  • Other Agencies
11:00-11:20 Open discussions on common interests and cooperation
11:20-11:30 Closing Remarks by ESCAP, ITU, APT
Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Digital Inclusion and Transformation

3-5 September 2024

Astana, Kazakhstan
# Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Digital Inclusion and Transformation (3-5 September 2024)

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Key Points of Ministerial Conference

1. **Main outcome: Declaration** of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Digital Inclusion and Transformation

2. One draft decision of APMCDIT: establish the *Asia-Pacific Digital Solutions Center* under ESCAP functional offices.

3. **ESCAP will send out official invitation letters to** member States by the end of April 2024, to request nominations to be received by mid-July 2024.
   - Including the request for the side events led by the member States and organizations.
Asia-Pacific Digital Transformation Report 2024


2. Commons of DT and CC: Two key driving forces leading to fundamental structural changes

3. Focus on system/paradigm changes beyond single application of digital technology.

4. Key point is to explore whether and how digital transformation can change the traditional story about climate change (mitigation and adaptation notably disaster resilience)

5. Not examining Digital for SDGs, but Digital for Climate Risks.

6. Will propose three scenarios
   a. Positive: digital-beneficial for climate
   b. Negative: digital-exacerbates climate change, at least in short term
   c. Neutral: digital – no impact on climate
ICT Projects and Partnerships


2. Clean Air for Sustainable ASEAN (CASA) (2023-2027)


4. Internet Exchange Points (IXP) in the Pacific

5. Training on digital for climate impact in the Pacific (2024-2026)

6. Advancing the cross-border data sharing platform with a focus on digital public service (2024-2026)

7. Strengthening cooperation on digital inclusion and transformation (2024-2026).

8. Strengthening policies and regulatory frameworks of digital public services for SMEs in North and Central Asia under APIS (2024-2026)

9. Digital ID systems in ASEAN (2025-2028) under review
THANK YOU

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