

Talking Points: Opening Statement

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Dear Excellencies, Distinguished Colleagues and Partners!

Allow me, on behalf of the Ministry of Digital Development of the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as on my own behalf, to greet all the participants of the Regional Dialogue, as well as express gratitude to the organizers for the invitation and the floor.

The key goal of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic is the sustainable development of the state, including through the digital transformation and integration into the global digital economy.

The tasks of the Ministry within the framework of the implementation of the "Digital Kyrgyzstan" Concept are: the creation of a national digital ecosystem, development of infrastructure, establishment of data centers, smart digital platforms, as well as the improvement of legislation, increasing digital literacy, supporting digital leaders, innovations, building effective strategic communication and foundations sustainable digital development.

Speaking of digital infrastructure, it is necessary to note the development of broadband access, as broadband technologies are fundamentally changing the way we live. Broadband infrastructure, applications and services offer important opportunities for boosting economic growth, improving connectivity, improving energy efficiency, protecting the planet, and improving the quality of life for people.

Broadband has had a significant impact on the global economy. Under these conditions, the rapid growth in demand for new info-communication services, as well as the increase in the information exchange push telecommunication operators for regular modernization of their networks.

As one of the landlocked developing countries, the Kyrgyz Republic is interested in developing a regional digital infrastructure that opens new opportunities for expanding markets and creating new types of goods and services.

Regional cooperation is an important element of a country's economic development, especially given the need for transit through neighbouring countries. In this regard, the development of regional transport, energy and digital connectivity is extremely important.

We pay great importance to the joint implementation of the Almaty-Cholpon-Ata infrastructure corridor project. It will allow building not only transport, energy and ICT infrastructures, but will also become an impetus for the further development of trade, cultural and tourism ties between countries.

The experience of the infrastructure co-deployment of a power transmission line and FOCL within the framework of the WB CASA-1000 and Digital CASA projects in the Kyrgyz Republic has shown the benefits of such projects.

Considering that large infrastructure projects are coming up in the Kyrgyz Republic, including the construction of railways and roads, the prospects for the co-deployment of infrastructure are significant.

Let me wish all the participants fruitful work.

I am convinced that our discussions on today's platform will bring quick practical results.

Thank you for your attention!