

National Consultation on “Frontier Technology Policy Experimentation and Regulatory Sandboxes” in the Maldives.

Tuesday 7 September 2021, 08:00 -10:00 (Maldives time)¹

PROGRAMME (DRAFT)	
Time	Moderator: Ms. Quynh Huong Nguyen, Consultant, ICT and Development Section, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP
08:00 - 08:12	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening statement by Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Director of ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, UNESCAP (3 mins) • Opening Statement by Mr. Vincenzo Aquaro, Chief Digital Government Branch- Division of Public Institutions and Digital Government, UNDESA (2 mins) • Opening statement by Ms. Catherine Haswell, UN Resident Coordinator, Maldives (3 mins) (TBC) • Welcoming remarks by H.E Aminath Shauna, Minister, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology (4 mins)
08:12 - 08:20	<p>Session 1: Project focus and deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Siope Vakataki ‘Ofa, Economic Affairs Officer, ICT and Development Section, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP (8 mins)
08:20 - 09:00	<p>Session 2: National Project focus areas (Digital Currency & Mobile Wallet), expectations and national stakeholders - Maldives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting the context and introduction: H.E. Mr. Mohamed Shareef, Minister of State, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology, Maldives (10 mins) • Mr. Ali Haris, Payer.mv: "Enabling FinTech Innovation through Regulatory Sandboxes" (10 mins) • Open discussion (20 mins)

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09:00 - 09:50	<p>Session 3: Experts Insights</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mobile Wallet - Driving “at scale” adoption, experiences from China, Mr. Reet Chaudhuri, Senior Expert at McKinsey & Company (10 mins) 2. Digital Currency - CBDC experiences, Mr. Dick Fong, Venture Leader, McKinsey & Company (10 mins) 3. Digital Currency - CBDC Adoption Patterns and Lessons Learned, Mr. Ric Shreves, Chief Strategy Officer, AID:Tech (10 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open discussion (20 mins)
09:50 - 10:00	<p>Closing session (concluding remarks and way forward)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing statement by H.E. Mr. Mohamed Shareef, Minister of State, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology, Maldives (5 mins) • Closing statement by Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Director of ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, UNESCAP (5 mins)