**Roundtable on Strengthening Regional Cooperation in Digital Transformation for Economic and Sustainable Development in ASEAN and EAEU**

13:30-17:30, 17 July 2025,
Carlton, Bangkok, Thailand

## Programme

**Background:**

Digital transformation can provide economic and sustainable development opportunities for countries in the Asia-Pacific. However, the transformation is varied and uneven across the region representing a challenge for governments to gather sufficient resources to move forward their digital agendas. Directed efforts are therefore required to bridge these gaps and ensure equal access to digital resources.

In this context, the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) are comprised of diverse countries who have pursued economic integration to unlock their potential individually and collectively. Both subregions face similar challenges in their quest for economic and social development. Thus, each one has much to learn from the other. EAEU and ASEAN are leading integration locomotives in the North and Central Asian and South-East Asian subregions, respectively. Learning from the experience of each other in addressing common issues on digital transformation would be beneficial in pursuing their own goals. In the process, EAEU and ASEAN can strengthen both cooperation ties and the prospects of collaboration on areas of mutual interest and ultimately contribute to their subregion's overall economic and sustainable development. This roundtable will delve into the opportunities and challenges of the digital agenda of EAEU and ASEAN with the view to advancing regional cooperation and integration between subregions. By raising awareness of the digital commons as a global public good, EAEU and ASEAN can advocate for policies and initiatives that promote the sharing of digital resources, open-source collaboration, and the creation of inclusive digital ecosystems that benefit society. This event is in line with the objective of the EEC-ASEAN Seminar on the Development of E-Commerce and Digital Economy in the EAEU and ASEAN.

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| **13:35-13:40** | **Welcome Remarks:**<br>• **Mr. Andrey Naumov**, Deputy Director, Department of Information Technologies, Eurasian Economic Commission<br>• **Mr. Ruhimat Soerakoesoemah,** Head, Subregional Office for South-East Asia, ESCAP |
| **13:40-14:00** | **Session 1: Presentations on digital transformation initiatives in ASEAN**<br>This session will provide a high-level overview of the strategic direction of digital transformation across the ASEAN region. It aims to contextualize the discussions by highlighting regional priorities, frameworks, and collaborative efforts that shape ASEAN's digital future.<br>1. **Mr. Tanatat Puttasuwan,** Resource Person, Asian and Pacific Centre for Information and Communication Technology<br>2. **Mr. Yan Aryanto,** Officer, Digital Economy Division, ASEAN Secretariat |

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| **14:00-15:30** | **Session 2: Role of digital transformation in national economic development**<br><br>This session will explore the critical role of digital transformation in driving national economic development. It will examine the regulatory frameworks and digital infrastructure necessary to support this transformation, as well as emerging trends and challenges in digital advancement across EAEU and ASEAN member States.<br><br>- Cambodia TBC<br>- **Mr. Theodore Sutarto,** Director for Digital Economy Development, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia<br>- **Ms. Marweena Manan**, Director of Digital Economy Division, Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, Malaysia<br>- Philippines TBC<br>- **Mrs. Nguyen Vu Phuong Nguyen,** E-commerce and Digital Economy Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Viet Nam<br>- Armenia TBC<br>- Belarus TBC<br>- Russia TBC<br><br>Moderator: **Mr. Alexey Kravchenko,** Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, ESCAP |
| **15:30-15:45** | **Break** |
| **15:45-17:15** | **Session 3: Best practices in EAEU and ASEAN countries in advancing digital transformation**<br><br>This session will examine best practices in EAEU and ASEAN countries in advancing digital transformation across key economic sectors—including trade, e-commerce, transport connectivity and infrastructure, supply chains, and cybersecurity. It will also highlight successful digital initiatives that contribute to the sustainable development of their economies.<br><br>- **Mr. Izzat Wahid,** Research and Development Officer, Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications, Brunei Darussalam<br>- **Mr. Vilakone Luangrath,** Deputy Director of the Multilateral Trade Division, Department of Trade Negotiations and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR<br>- Singapore TBC<br>- **Ms. Prewprae Chumrum**, Chair of the DEFA Negotiating Committee (DEFA NC) and Thailand's lead for the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on E-Commerce and Digital Economy, Thailand<br>- **Mr. Joazinho B.S. Marques,** Software Developer, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Timor-Leste<br>- Kazakhstan TBC<br>- **Ms. Cholponai Saparbekova,** Ministry of Digital Development and Innovative Technologies, Kyrgyzstan<br><br>Moderator: **Ms. Aida Karazhanova,** Economic Affairs Officer, ICT and Development Section, ESCAP |

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| **17:15-17:25** | **Wrap-up and cooperation opportunities on digital transformation between the EAEU and ASEAN**<br>**Mr. Andrey Panteleev**, Head, Economic Policy Strategies Section Macroeconomic Policy Department, Eurasian Economic Commission |
| **17:25-17:30** | **Closing Remarks**<br>**Mr. Nikolay Pomoshchnikov**, Head, Subregional Office for North and Central Asia, ESCAP |