A Brief on the 1st Session of ESCAP Committee on Information and Communications Technology and Science, Technology and Innovation
5-7 October 2016
Issues to be addressed by the Committee:

(a) Integration of information and communications technology related issues in development policies, plans and programmes;
(b) Transfer and application of information and communications technology at the regional and subregional levels;
(c) Information and communications technology, including space applications, for disaster risk reduction;
(d) Development of human and institutional capacity in the use of information and communications technology and in the use of science and technology for innovation;
(e) Policy options and strategies for enhancing cooperation on the generation of and access to science, technology and innovation for sustainable development, including regional mechanisms for technology transfer;
(f) Mainstreaming of science, technology and innovation issues in development policies, strategies and plans.
The Importance of 1st Session of the Committee on ICT and STI: ICT

1. To put in place regional strategies for:
   - Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS), including the AP-IS Master Plan and regional cooperation framework document;
   - Regional review of the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society action lines
   - ICT capacity development through the work of APCICT

2. To Follow up the Commission resolutions
   - 69/10: Promoting ICT connectivity and building knowledge-networked societies in Asia and the Pacific;
   - 71/10: Strengthening regional ICT connectivity through the Asia-Pacific information superhighway;
   - 72/10: Regional review of the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society action lines.
Committee Agenda: ICT

2a. Towards Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway

2b. Regional review of the World Summit on the Information Society action line implementation

2c. Space application as a critical tool for enhanced e-resilience

2d. Regional capacity-building on information and communications technology for development

AP-IS Master Plan

AP-IS Regional Cooperation Framework Document

AP-IS Working Group

AP-IS Steering Group
Within the approved strategic framework

- Provide guidance and direction for both subprogrammes in the development of the 2018-2019 Programme of Work.

Upon deliberations and endorsement by the Committee, resolutions may be considered for the 73rd session of the ESCAP Commission on

- ICT AP-IS Master Plan.
- Terms of Reference for Innovation Forum.
- A set of recommendations for STI policy.
You are kindly requested to designate 2 senior officials to the 1st session of the Committee on ICT and STI.

One from those ministries with mandates and responsibilities for
• ICT policies, strategies and initiatives, including ICT connectivity
• ICT capacity development,
• Space technology applications

One from those ministries with mandates and responsibilities for
• Science, technology and innovation policies,
• Future planning and national development strategies, or
• Innovative finance and business.
Thank you