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• The digital world can also magnify existing dividing lines
• AP-IS success also carries responsibility and opportunity

• Joint work contributing to Child Protection in the Digital Age
Key areas to consider:

How are children using the Internet, what are the risks, and what are the protective factors that can reduce harm?

What child protection measures are being implemented to prevent child sexual exploitation online, and what other risks might these entail?

What are the opportunities children are accessing online and how does the use of social media apps enhance these opportunities?

What data about children’s lives does the private sector own, and which parts of this should they be sharing with governments, law enforcement, and civil society, and for what purposes?
Four main categories of concern:

• Child Sexual Abuse Materials, including live streaming of abuse (aka Child Pornography)

• Grooming / sexual solicitation online

• Self-production of sexualised images (with or without coercion)

• Unwanted exposure to sexual materials
Carried out a study on Child Protection in the Digital Age in 2016, against the Model National Response Framework

2018 carrying out a Situation Analysis on child protection online in the Pacific region, and in Mongolia
Convening national workshops in six countries in the region in 2018 to focus on child protection online (Indonesia, Viet Nam, Mongolia, Cambodia, Fiji, Thailand)

Discussing how to balance government regulation of the ICT sector and industry self-regulation

AP-IS and collaboration with the ITU, UNODC, Interpol, and GSMA
Working with the ASEAN sectoral bodies to prevent and respond to child sexual exploitation online

2017 – ACWC Workshop
2018 – Intersectoral Dialogue led by ACWC and SOMSWD
2018 – AIPA Workshop

Working together with UNODC, Interpol, and NGOS, to harmonize laws in the ASEAN region related to child sexual exploitation online