

Expert meeting on Disability-inclusive Technology and Innovation

Meeting room C-D, Bangkok, 30 August 2018

This Expert Meeting, jointly organized by ESCAP and INIT, will provide a forum for participants to discuss the main impediments preventing persons with disabilities in Asia and Pacific from being empowered through technologies, and to identify priority policy actions to overcome these.

Programme	
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Introduction by Ms. Marta Pérez Cusó, TIID, ESCAP (10 Min)</p> <p>Welcome note by Mr. Tahir Naeem, Executive Director, INIT (10 Min)</p> <p>Introduction of panellists and discussants (10 Min)</p>
9:30 – 10:40	<p>Session 1. Key issues faced by persons with disabilities in accessing technologies.</p> <p>Guiding question: What practical issues and challenges persons with disabilities face in accessing and using technologies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks, Prof. Tim Unwin, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in ICT4D (10 min) • Key issues in the Asia-Pacific region, Ms. Aiko Akiyama, Focal point on disability, ESCAP (10 min) • Key challenges faced by persons with disabilities, Mr. Sawang Srisom, Programme manager, Transportation for All (10 min) • Interactive group discussion, moderated by Prof. Tim Unwin (30 min) • Wrapup by Prof. Tim Unwin (10 min)
	Coffee break
10:55 – 11:55	<p>Session 2. Key policies to enable accessible and affordable technologies for persons with disabilities</p> <p>Guiding question: What public policy actions at the national level can help to solve the challenges identified in Part 1?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks and key findings from INIT's analysis of national policies for persons with disabilities, Dr. Akber Gardezi (10 min) • Regional insights, Sen. Monthian Buntan, Royal Thai Parliament and Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (10 min) • Interactive group discussion, moderated by Prof. Tim Unwin (30 min) • Wrapup by Prof. Tim Unwin (10 min)

11:55 – 13:00	<p>Session 3. From Policy to Implementation</p> <p>Guiding question: How can we promote the development and implementation of the identified priority public policy actions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples of good practices (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transport for All's Public Transport Accessibility Index, Mr. Sawang Srisom - Hong Kong government practices for distributing assistive devices to persons with disabilities, Dr. Joseph Kwok, Member, Executive Committee and Vice Chairman, Global Social Commission, Rehabilitation International • Interactive group discussion (30 min) • Mind Map(s) presentation by Prof. Tim Unwin (10 mins) • Issues and Actions on Digital Accessibility around APAC by Naveed Haq, Regional Development Manager, Asia-Pacific Internet Society (5 mins)
13:00 – 13:30	<p>Closing remarks by UNESCAP and INIT</p>