



Regional Workshop on “Resilient ICT Connectivity for the Knowledge Economy, SDGs and the WSIS Goals”

and

Eighth session of the SPECA Thematic Working Group on Knowledge-based Development

(Almaty, Kazakhstan, 20-22 September 2016)

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

**Hosted by: Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk
Reduction (CESDRR)**

DAY 1
Tuesday, 20 September 2016

08:30 – 9:00	Registration of participants
9.00-9:30	<p>Opening of the meeting Facilitated by Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Chief, Information and Communications Technology and Development Section (IDS), ESCAP</p> <p>Opening remarks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Arslan Dandybayev, Head of the Representative Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Almaty, Kazakhstan • Mr. Nikolay Pomoshchnikov, OIC of the ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia (SONCA) • Mr. Christopher Athey, UNECE Secretary to the SPECA WG on KBD • Mr. Valery Petrov, Director of the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR) • Introduction of participants • Introduction to the objectives of the meeting (ESCAP)
<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION I: ICT Connectivity for enhanced e-resilience Moderator: UNECE</p>	
09:30– 10:30	<p>This session will present a regional and sub-regional overview on ICT development, with focus on connectivity as a basis for resilient, knowledge based economy and achievement of SDGs. The session will examine what the ESCAP analysis found and how resilient ICT connectivity can be promoted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Chief, Information and Communications Technology and Development Section (IDS), ESCAP, on overview of ICT Connectivity • Mr. Alexey Kravchenko, Associate Economic Officer, IDS, ESCAP, on ICT connectivity among SPECA countries <p>Q&A</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Shaina Hasan and Mr. Jeremy Marand, IDS ESCAP via Skype • Mr. Alofsat Aliyev, Head of Division, Institute of Information Technologies, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, on E-resilience for Information Society and Knowledge based Development <p>Q&A</p>

12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
SESSION II: Disaster Risk Reduction Through the Use of ICT Moderator: CESDRR	
13:00 – 14:30	<p>This session adds to the meeting the topic of resilience in expanding ICT connectivity and promoting knowledge-based development among the SPECA countries. When a natural disaster strikes, it disrupts business and government operations, and affects small and medium sized enterprises disproportionately. In this context, the use of ICT for disaster risk reduction (DRR) has gained significant attention in recent years. This session will examine the framework of ICT use for DRR and some tools which could be considered by SPECA countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Puji PUJIONO, Regional Adviser on Disaster Risk Reduction, ESCAP • Mr. Viliam Sarian, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology (State University) and the Moscow Technical University of Communications and Informatics • Ms. Chinara Berbaeva, Head of DRR Department, CESDRR <p>Q&A</p>
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bill Ho, “ICT and Risk Governance” Department Head, IT and Communication Department, ADPC • Mr. Anar Aghayev, Chief Officer, Captain of the Department of Statistics and Information Technologies, Ministry of Emergency Situations, Azerbaijan, on ICT usage in disaster response <p>Q&A</p>
16:00 – 16:15	Summary of the discussions

DAY 2 Wednesday, 21 September 2016	
SESSION III: Knowledge-based Economy, WSIS and SDGs Moderator: Ms. Gabrielle Iglesias, APCICT, ESCAP	
09:00 – 10:15	<p>Based on the previous sessions on ICT connectivity and resilience, this session focuses on how they help develop knowledge-based economy among the SPECA countries. The session will also place the discussion in a larger context of how resilient ICT and accelerated knowledge-based economy will help achieve the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in the sub-region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Christopher Athey, UNECE Secretary to the SPECA TWG on KBD • Mr. Vlastimil Samek, UNIC • Mr. Muhammad Arif Sargana, Pakistan Telecom Authority

	<p>– WSIS statistics and Digital Financial Services</p> <p>Q&A</p>
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gitanjali Sah, International Telecommunication Union (ITU) • WSIS Prize winners from Central Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Iryna Politova, Chief, Research & Development Department, Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications n.a. A.S. Popov, Ukraine ○ Ms. Janna Barakova, Institute of Electronics and Telecommunications, Kyrgyzstan ○ Ms. Natalia Ovsyanko, Academy of Public Administration, Belarus ○ Mr. Yerkin Berkeshev, Head of Information technology Department of Ministry of Finance and Ms. Malika Kurmangaliyeva, senior specialist of State register department of JSC “Information accounting center”, Kazakhstan <p>Q&A</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
<p align="center">SESSION IV: ICT Capacity Development in DRR and Women’s Entrepreneurship Moderator; Ms. Gitanjali Shah, ITU</p>	
13:00 – 15:00	<p>ICT capacity development is an integral part of promoting ICT for development, e-resilience and knowledge based economy. APCICT will introduce their training modules (localized in Russian) on ICT and DRR. In addition, APCICT will present their Women and ICT Frontier Initiative (WIFI) flagship programme to promote women’s entrepreneurship in Asia and the Pacific through enhancing capabilities of women entrepreneurs in ICT and entrepreneurship as a key component of region’s knowledge based economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hyeun-Suk Rhee Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development via Skype • Dr. Karabek Uzakbaev, Central-Asian Institute for Applied Geosciences (CAIAG), Kyrgyzstan • Ms. Gabrielle Iglesias (APCICT) <p>Q&A</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
<p align="center">SESSION V: Discussion and country statements</p>	
15:30 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country statements

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DAY 3 Thursday, 22 September 2016	
SESSION VI: AP-IS as a way forward: DRR, Connectivity and Knowledge-based Development Moderator: Almaty City	
09:00 – 10:15	<p>This final session will summarize the salient discussion points shared during the previous days and discuss the concrete way forward. In view of the upcoming Committee on Information and Communications Technology, Science, Technology and Innovation, scheduled from 5-7 October 2016 in Bangkok, the session will update the meeting participants on the main Committee agenda items, including the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS) Master Plan and Regional Cooperation Framework Document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Atsuko Okuda, IDS, ESCAP, on the overview of the Committee on Information and Communications Technology, Science, Technology and Innovation • Mr. Alexey Kravchenko, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, IDS, ESCAP <p>Q&A</p>
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:30	<p>Closing of the session:</p> <p>Summary of the discussions and closing remarks</p>
11:30 – 13:00	Lunch break
Eighth Session of the SPECA Thematic Working Group on Knowledge-based Development <i>Chair: Mr Zhyrgalbek Ukashev Deputy Director of the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR)</i>	
13:00 – 14:00	<p><u>Opening of the Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Arslan Dandybayev, Head of the Representative Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Almaty, Kazakhstan • Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Head, ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia (SONCA) • Mr. Christopher Athey, UNECE Secretary to the SPECA WG on KBD • Mr. Valery Petrov, Director of the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR) <p>• Election of officers and adoption of the agenda</p>

	<p><u>Strengthening of the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA)</u></p> <p>Ms. Tiziana BONAPACE, Head of the ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia</p>
14:00 – 14:30	<p><u>Outcomes of the Regional Workshop “Resilient ICT Connectivity for the Knowledge Economy, SDGs and the WSIS Goals”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ESCAP
14:30 – 15:00	<p><u>Review of implementation of the TWG on KBD activities since its last session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ESCAP - UNECE
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:00	<p><u>Review of the Programme Work of the SPECA TWG on KBD for 2016-2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Christopher Athey, UNECE Secretary to the SPECA TWG on KBD - Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Chief, IDS, ESCAP <p>Q&A</p>
16:00 – 16:20	<u>Other business. Date and venue for the next session of the SPECA TWG on KBD</u>
16:20 – 16:45	<u>Adoption of Decisions</u>
16:45 – 17:00	<u>Closing of the Session</u>