

ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2017

"Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing Asia-Pacific"

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SIDE EVENT

Technology and Sustainability (GCCS 2017 – Destination India)

Venue: UNCC, Meeting Room A

Date: 30 March 2017

Time: 12:15 – 13:30

Organizers: Ministry of Electronics & IT Government of India

Background

Technology and Sustainability – will bring together insights and solutions on how technology can be used to facilitate and achieve sustainable development goals. Affordable technological solutions will play a key role in execution of the sustainable development goals namely poverty eradication, provision of quality education and reduction in inequality. Be it a financial inclusion scheme, direct benefits to the underprivileged, digitized health cards, IT enabled public food distribution systems, national digitized health system, digitized medical schemes, online education, technology enabled skill development; technology and cyberspace can act as catalysts and help cultivate a symbiotic relationship with sustainable development goals.

This session will focus on sharing details and highlights of the –Digital India Programme – which has been implemented in the country to mainstream its citizens through Digital Empowerment. In fact, Aadhar(a Digital Identity component) of Digital India Programme, is the world's largest programme of its nature which has connected with approximately 1.12 billion people (89 percent of India's total population and 98 percent of India's adult population) and then facilitated the setting up of e-governance services to help address various sustainability issues.

We hope that this could be a learning experience for global economies and that India sharing its knowledge can help other partners modify / create their own programmes that may very well catalyze the process of achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We also hope that the discussions on technology and its impact on social development can be carried forward to the upcoming Global Conference on CyberSpace – where discussions will delve into detail the role technology can play in enhancing economic and social sustenance.

Scope

The side event intends to touch upon, the bridge that technology can help build, between the vision of SDGs and the implementation process of achieving these goals. The session will also bring to the

forefront how technology and cyberspace stand as the real leader in solving ground level problems related to SDGs and other development initiatives.

In addition, the session will give participants a peek into the upcoming Global Conference on Cyberspace (GCCS-2017) where world leaders and technology experts will come together with civil society, academia and government officials to discuss the latest innovations and how cyberspace of tomorrow can be a facilitator for achieving societal goals. It will tell them what to expect at GCCS 2017 – and how cyber solutions can help provide a vision of inclusive digital society.

Tentative programme: 15 Minute presentation briefing on GCCS 2017

Speaker: Mr. Premjit Lal, Director, National e-Governance Division, Ministry of Electronics & IT Government of India

Proposed programme

1. Presentation on Technology and Sustainability (15 mins)
2. Q&A and discussion (5 mins)

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