

Expert Group Meeting on Science and Technology Parks

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18-19 December 2018

Background

Science and technology parks can serve as useful vehicles for innovation and growth of start-ups. However, effective development and management of these parks is not always easy. Among many questions, what policies should be put in place to facilitate development of science and technology parks? In an era of digital connectivity, how should science and technology parks adjust themselves to embrace new opportunities and challenges?

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) has carried out research on development of science and technology parks. It is expected that the outcome of the research will assist the countries in Asia and the Pacific to successfully develop and manage science and technology parks.

The preliminary findings of the research will be presented at the workshop. The invited experts will share their expertise to make this research output more relevant.

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09:00-12:00	<p>Session 1. Understanding science and technology parks</p> <p><i>This session will review definitions, key nature and characteristics of S&T parks, some general information on S&T parks globally and in Asia</i></p>
13:00-17:00	<p>Session 2. National policies on science and technology parks</p> <p><i>This session will review national policies of S&T parks in a few countries in the region. This session will also look at the commonalities and difference of national policies in these countries</i></p>

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09:00-12:00	<p>Session 3. Findings from a few case studies on science and technology parks</p> <p><i>This session will look at a few success stories of S&T parks, including good practice and lessons learnt</i></p>
13:00-17:00	<p>Session 4. Science and technology parks in an era of new technologies and digital transformation</p> <p><i>This session will discuss opportunities and challenges, as well as solutions, in developing S&T parks in an era of new technologies and digital transformation</i></p>