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| Digital Economy-Inclusive Society and Importance of High-Speed,  High-Quality Broadband | | | |
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| **Agenda item:**  Item 8  **Summary:**  This contribution includes a proposal to continue the work of the regional initiatives on Digital Economy and Inclusive Digital Society and Infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity.  **Expected results:**  Agreement on the importance of Digital Economy-Inclusive Society, Importance of High-Speed, High-Quality Broadband and prioritization for the next four year period.  **References:**  N/A | | | |

**Introduction**

High-speed and high-quality broadband is fundamental for the success of Digital economy and Inclusive Digital Society. The COVID-19 situation has also further increased the importance of high-speed and high-quality broadband for e-health, e-learning, remote working, and other services. This will help to bridge the digital divide and all United Nations SDGs.

It is also very important to accelerate the implementation of new high-speed and high-quality intelligent broadband technologies like 5G and Wi-Fi 6 to get maximum benefit for the Asia and the Pacific Region.

Existing regional initiatives ASP2 (Digital Economy and Inclusive Digital Society) and ASP3 (Infrastructure to Enhance Digital Connectivity) are two complementary initiatives.

Countries/Regions have launched trillions of US dollars economic recovery programs due to pandemic globally including Asia and Pacific Region. Similarly, development banks providing billions of US dollars to the countries for the economic recovery and other development projects. Effective use of Universal Service Funds is also important. Continuation of these two regional initiatives will also help for the effective use of these economy recovery programs for the digital economy, inclusive digital society and high-speed, high-quality digital infrastructure and services aligned with SDGs.

**Proposal**

Intel proposes to continue work on ASP 2 (Digital Economy and Inclusive Digital Society) and ASP 3 (Infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity) initiatives with a revision by prioritizing the successful implementation of economic programs for digital economy-inclusive society and high-speed, high-quality broadband networks and services for the next four-year period.

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