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To: ITU-D Sector Members,
Academia,
Partner2Connect Partners in the Asia-
Pacific Region

Subject: **Invitation to participate in Partner2Connect National Roundtable Cambodia, from 29 to 31 May 2023, Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Partner2Connect (P2C) National Roundtable Cambodia that will be held from 29 to 31 May 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh.

The P2C National Roundtable Cambodia is jointly organized by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Cambodia and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). It provides an opportunity to key national and international stakeholders, such as the Government, P2C pledging organizations, donors, the UN and international organizations, private sector, civil society, and academia to participate in and contribute to the process of digital transformation in Cambodia. The National Roundtable empowers the stakeholders through dialogues to mobilize existing and new P2C pledges through a whole-of-government approach to digital development. Further details are available in Annex 1.

Cambodia is accelerating its digital transformation journey as articulated in the Digital Economy and Society Policy Framework 2021-2023 and, in that context, engages with the P2C Digital Coalition. P2C is a global multistakeholder alliance established in 2021 by ITU in line with the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation and SDGs and serves as a global platform to mobilize and announce new resources, partnerships, and commitments for universal and meaningful connectivity in the hardest-to-connect communities.

We would appreciate your confirmation of attendance. Mr. Puji Pujiono (E-mail: puji.pujiono@itu.int) or Mr. Mohammad Farkhani (E-mail: mohammad.farkhani@itu.int) remain at your disposal for any enquiries.

I look forward to your participation at the National P2C Roundtable in Cambodia.

Yours faithfully,
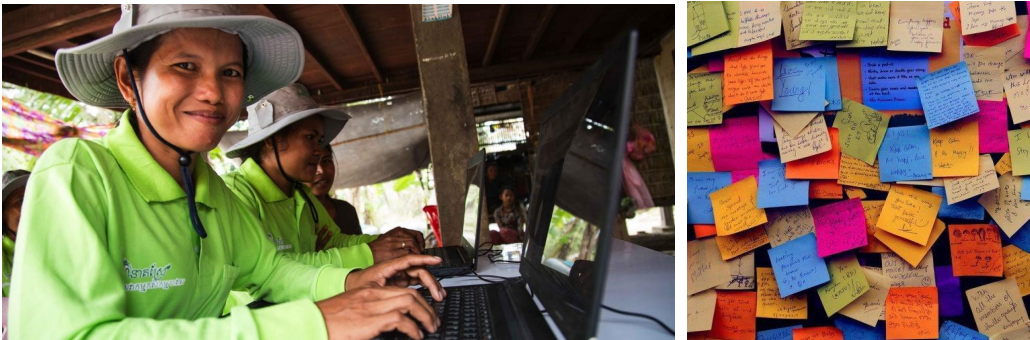
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Annex 1

Partner2Connect
National Roundtable Cambodia

29 – 31 May 2023

The Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh, #55, Street 178, Sangkat Chey Chumnas Phnom Penh, 12206, Cambodia
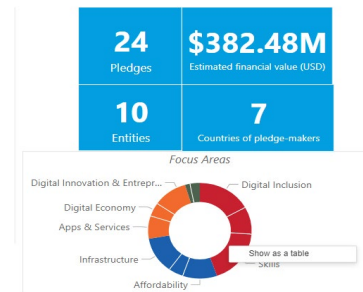

1.0   Background

The Partner2Connect Digital Coalition (P2C) is a global multistakeholder alliance launched in 2021 by ITU, in close cooperation with the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, and the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Islands Developing States (UNOHRLLS). Created in line with the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation, the WSIS action lines and the Sustainable Development Goals, the purpose of P2C is to serve as a global platform to mobilize and announce new resources, partnerships, and commitments for universal and meaningful connectivity in the hardest-to-connect communities in Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). P2C Action Framework serves as the guiding document for the Coalition. The Partner2Connect online pledging platform, through which resources from public and private sector players around the world are being mobilized, now has 609[1] pledges made worth around USD 30 billion, submitted by 293 entities based in 118 countries around the globe.

Cambodia is currently engaged with the P2C Digital Coalition to accelerate its digital transformation journey. Cambodia's digital transformation agenda as articulated in the Digital Economy and Society Policy Framework 2021-2023 cites five key strategic goals, to cover the following:

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[1] As of 7 April 2023

It is also strengthening all elements of the digital ecosystem to achieve the goals set out in the policy framework. In this journey, Cambodia is inviting the P2C Digital Coalition pledge makers that have made pledges and is also calling upon partners to make new pledges. As on 7 April 2023, 24 pledges worth $382.48 Million[2] have been made by 10 entities.

In this background, an in-country Partner2Connect Roundtable is planned from 29-31 May 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh, #55, Street 178, Sangkat Chey Chumnas Phnom Penh, 12206, Cambodia, https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/cambodia/hyatt-regency-phnom-penh/pnhrp, which will provide a unique opportunity for all relevant stakeholders on the global and national levels with a wide range of expertise to come together to understand the country's needs and determine the best possible responses to Cambodia's digital transformation, including through the mobilization of new P2C pledges, as well as leveraging dialogue with key stakeholders. Further details are available on the event website: https://bit.ly/44B1GWf

2.0   Roundtable Objectives

- To develop a deeper understanding of the pilot country's digital landscape, and share Cambodia's digital landscape, digital transformation initiatives, relevant policies and strategies, existing opportunities, and development gaps.
- To bring together all key stakeholders involved in Cambodia's digital transformation (government, P2C pledging organizations, donors, UN and international organizations, private sector, civil society, academia) to discuss and align on Cambodia's priority areas for development and targets.
- To mobilize additional P2C pledges matching Cambodia's gaps and priorities as well as facilitate sustainable partnerships.
- To empower key stakeholders involved in Cambodia's digital transformation on a whole-of-government approach to digital development at national and village level leaving no one behind.

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[2] https://www.itu.int/itu-d/sites/partner2connect/pledges/explore-pledges/

3.0   Agenda

Day 1 (29 May 2023): Partnering to accelerate Cambodia's digital transformation journey.

Timing	Topic
9:00-10:00	**Opening Ceremony** **Master of Ceremony:** H.E. Sok Puthyvuth, Secretary of State, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of Cambodia **Welcome Remarks** - Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU - Ms Alissar Chaker, Resident Representative, UNDP, Cambodia on behalf of the United Nations Country Team - Ms Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General, ITU (Video message) **Opening Remarks** - H.E. Mr Chea Vandeth, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Government of Cambodia **Group Photo**
10:00-10:30	**Tea / Coffee Break**
10:30-11:30	**Session 1: Overview of P2C Digital Coalition and Cambodia National Digital Transformation Policies** *This session will provide an overview of P2C Digital Coalition, and the national policy frameworks including Cambodia Digital Economy and Society Vision Policy (2021-2035) and Digital Government Policy (2022-2035)* <u>**Moderator: Mr Joseph Scheuer, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Cambodia**</u> - **P2C Digital Coalition: Global Overview and relevance to Cambodia, ITU** - **Digital Economy and Society Policy Framework 2021-2035 - H.E Kong Marry, Secretary General** of Digital Economy and Business Committee - Digital Government Policy 2022-2035, H.E. Chea Sereyvath, Secretary General of Digital Government Committee
11:30-12:15	**Session 2: Identification of key gaps, targets and areas of partnerships** *This session will identify key gaps, specific national targets, and partnerships opportunities that are important to accelerate the policies, visions and targets set by the Government of Cambodia.*

	Moderator: Ms Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia-Pacific All participants
12:15-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	**Session 3: Alignment with key pledgers on implementation of national digital policies** *This session will invite P2C Digital Coalition partners to share details on the pledges made with reference to Cambodia and invite new pledges from international and national entities.* Moderator: Mr. Yao Yuya, CEO of Huawei Cambodia Presentation by P2C Digital Coalition Partner
15:00-15:30	Break
15:30-17:00	**Session 4: Alignment with key pledgers on implementation of national digital policies (continued)** *This session will invite P2C Digital Coalition partners to share details on the pledges made with reference to Cambodia and invite new pledges from international and national entities.* Moderator: A Representative from the Industry Presentation by P2C Digital Coalition Partners
17:00-19:00	Networking dinner

Day 2 (30 May 2023): Whole-of-Government approach to digital transformation (co-organized by ITU and UNDP)

Timing	Topic
9:00-9:15	**Session 5: Summary of Day 1** *This session will provide a summary of discussion of Day 1 including a recap of key gaps, targets, partnership opportunities and pledges.* *Moderator:* Ms Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia-Pacific Mr Sameer Sharma, Head, Special Initiatives, ITU

9:15-10:00	**Session 6: Cambodia Digital Government, Whole-of-Government Approach**
	
	This session will provide a detailed presentation on Cambodia's whole-of-government approach, institutional set-up and implementation aspects of digital government. It will also highlight the partnership opportunities in digital government.
	
	Moderator: Ms Alissar Chaker, UNDP Resident Representative
	
	- Presentation by various government departments of Cambodia on their digitalization progress
	  1. Progress of Cambodia Digital Government, H.E An Ra, Deputy Secretary General of DGC
	  2. Cambodia Data Exchange, H.E Taing Nguonly, Deputy Secretary General of DEBC

10:00-10:30	**Tea / Coffee Break**
10:30-11:15	**Session 7: Whole-of-Government approach to digital transformation** *This session will share international trends and practices on the whole-of-government approach to digital transformation.* Moderator: Mr Sameer Sharma, Head, Special Initiatives, ITU - Presentation by UNDP - Presentation by invited international partners, including on existing and new P2C pledges
11:15-12:00	**Session 8: Digital government platform development including a building block approach (GovStack)** *This session will share international practices on the technical framework for implementing the whole-of-government approach leveraging the building block approach that facilitates reuse of digital infrastructure and enhances interoperability.* Moderator: MPTC - GovStack, Presentation by ITU, Mr Nilabh Roy Chowdhary - Government Enterprise Architecture, presentation by UNDP / invited international partners Presentation of existing and announcement of new P2C pledges

12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:00-15:00	**Session 9: Whole of Society approach to Digital Transformation through delivery of digital applications and services** *This session will share international practices on Building Safe & Inclusive Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and Digital Public Goods.* Moderator: UNDP - Digital government infrastructure, H.E Neang Mao, Director General of ICT - International practices on digital public goods Presentation of existing and announcement of new P2C pledges
15:00-15:30	**Break**
15:30-17:00	**Session 10: Leaving no one behind in the Cambodian digital transformation journey** *This session will focus on taking the benefits of digital transformation to rural and remote communities leaving no one behind. In particular, this would include rural and remote connectivity, digital inclusion, and digital skills components.* Moderator: International Development Bank / UNCDF / Financing institutions - Digital Learning Transformation (EBC) - Tech Community Center Mrs. Tan Sodany, Director of ICT Policy Department, (MPTC) - Ministry of Interior and City Hall (Cambodia) - Smart Villages and Smart Islands, ITU - Digital agriculture FAO, - UNOPS, - UN agencies **Presentation of existing and announcement of new P2C pledges**
17:00-19:00	Optional: Networking dinner

Day 3 (31 May 2023): Realizing the benefits of digital transformation leaving no one behind

Timing	Topic
9:00-10:00	**Session 11: Driving innovation for digital transformation** *This session will discuss the digital innovation ecosystem, policy aspirations to facilitate innovation, and ongoing initiatives, programmes and projects of partners. It will also identify new pledging opportunities.* Moderator: Representative from industry or innovation center - Mr Sameer Sharma, Head, Special Initiatives, ITU - UN agencies - SME Digitalization, Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (MISTI) - Digital Innovation & Startup, CADT - Other entities **Presentation of existing and announcement of new P2C pledges**
10:00-10:30	**Tea / Coffee Break**
10:30-12:30	**Session 12: Multi-stakeholder roundtables on Partner2Connect** *These multi-stakeholder sessions will focus on identifying new partnership opportunities and pledges under P2C Digital Coalition that would contribute towards meeting the existing digital development gaps in Cambodia.* **Session 12 (a) Breakout session 1: Universal and Meaningful Connectivity** Moderator: Telecommunication Regulator of Cambodia **Session 12 (b) Breakout session 2: Sustainable Digital Transformation** ● Moderator: H.E. Sun Rapid, Deputy Secretary General of DGC, MPTC, Cambodia ● The breakout sessions will be followed by a plenary, where results of the two roundtables will be summarized.
12:30- 13:00	**Closing Remarks** - Mr. Sameer Sharma, Head, Special Initiatives, ITU - H.E. Sok Puthyvuth, Secretary of State, MPTC
12:30-13:30	**Closing**

Lunch	

4.0   Target audience

- Telecommunications operators in Cambodia
- UN programs working in Cambodia (e.g.: UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, and more)
- Pledgers with specific pledges in Cambodia (public & private sector, international orgs, etc.)
- Regional/global pledgers with interest in Cambodia (public & private sector, international organizations, etc.)