ICT for Development in the Asia-Pacific Region

Introduction

ADB & ITU announced their partnership in initiating the ICTD-ASP

18 November 2013, Bangkok, Thailand

Official Website: http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/connect/Asia-Pacific/Pages/default.aspx

- ❑ Some 625 participants from 37 ITU Asia-Pacific Member States, including 7 Heads of State/Government, 30 Ministers, deputy ministers, and Ambassadors
- ❑ Leaders' Vision | Asia-Pacific 2020: Smartly DIGITAL
- ❑ Summit Communiqué | Asia-Pacific 2020: Smartly DIGITAL
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1 **Investing in ICT Infrastructure**

2 **Stimulating Innovation and Creative Use of ICT**

3 **Encouraging Innovative Public-Private Partnership**

4 **Promoting Sustainable development through ICT**

5 **Fostering Digital Inclusion**

6 **Achieving digital literacy and building human and institutional capacity**

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As a concrete example of fostering partnership, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) jointly announce their partnership in **"ICT for Development in the Asia-Pacific Region" (ICTD-ASP)**.

ITU calls for 'Expression of Interest' in the initiatives/projects
Please visit:
http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/connect/Asia-Pacific/Pages/ProjectsExpressionofInterest.aspx

About the ICTD-ASP

e-Environment   **e-Health**   **e-Education**   **e-Agriculture**

It is proven that:
ICT as a *'growth catalyst'*
ICT is an '**enabler for government reform'**

Critical challenges are:
Shortfalls in **ICT infrastructure**, broadband connectivity in particular
Lack of impactful **ICT services and applications**.

Cybersecurity   **Smart Sustainable City**   **Digital Inclusion**   **e-Government**

**Information and Communication Technologies
for Development in Asia and the Pacific**

**Multi-stakeholders Partnership and Collaborative
Planning Platform**
for
**Knowledge and Information Sharing and Resource
Mobilization for ICT for Development**
in
the Asia-Pacific region.

Key Objectives

1 **Provide a platform for Partners' Dialogues and Collaborative Planning**

   - Provide forums for all stakeholders' meetings to discuss planning and collaboration

   - Foster multi-stakeholders coordination, cooperation, and collaboration and avoid effort duplication

2 **Facilitate Resource Mobilization for ICTD Investments**

   - Mobilize technical resources to improve investment plans

   - Mobilize financial resources to implement project plans

3 **Enhance ICTD Capacity through Knowledge Sharing**

   - Enhance institutional capacity through technical assistance

   - Enhance ICT capacity through online and offline knowledge sharing

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THREE COMPONENTS

Technical Assistance for Project Development	Framework Development for Resource Mobilization	Knowledge Sharing for Capacity Development

Technical Assistance for Project Development

Advisory supports for ICTD investment and prioritization, and Pre-Feasibility Studies on high priority ICTD investment projects: Proposals will be reviewed and recommendations for funding will be made on the basis of selection criteria. Selected projects will be funded and executed in collaboration with multi-stakeholders.

Framework Development for Resource Mobilization

Framework development for coordination and cooperation with partners and stakeholders: the framework features a set of guidelines and toolkits for mobilizing resources and creating partnerships among various stakeholders and partners promoting ICTD in the Asia-Pacific region.
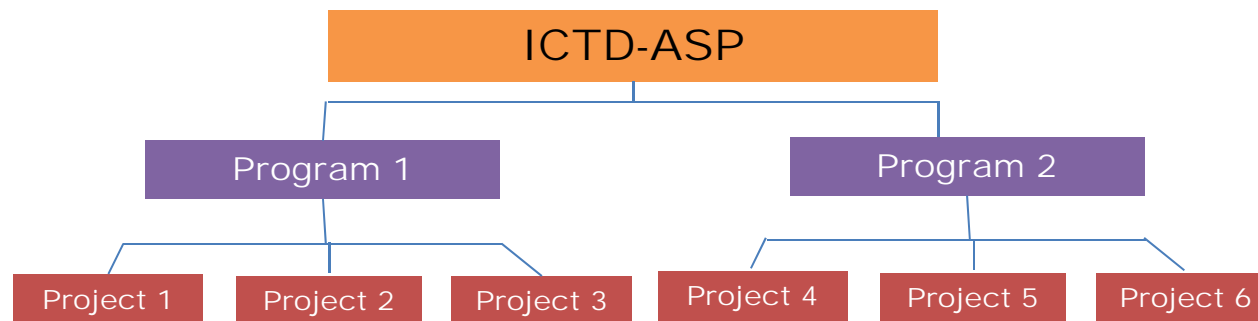
Knowledge Sharing for Capacity Development

This component will identify, compile, and disseminate good practices and lessons learned for addressing development issues on ICTD. The component will include awareness campaigns, capacity-building activities, conferences and workshops, publication of lessons learned, and integration of the knowledge gained

Implementation Structure

- Two layers of structures: Programs and Projects
- Initially start with two programs: Universal Broadband Connectivity and e-Government
- Projects can be existing or new ones under the Initiative

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Project 1  Project 2  Project 3  Project 4  Project 5  Project 6
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Programmes

❑ **Universal Broadband Connectivity**

❑ **e-Government and ICT Applications**

Expected Outputs

Short-term expectations (first year):

- Established secretariat for each program
- At least one project initiated under each program
- At least one regional event organized

Mid-term expectations (2nd year onward):

- Established an online-portal for knowledge and project information sharing
- At least two projects for 2015, three projects for 2016 initiated
- At least one regional event and stakeholder meeting a year
- Established a resource mobilization facility for ICT projects

Launch of the ICTD-ASP

29th – 30th April 2014
Manila, Philippines

![ICTD ASP logo]

Launching Event

The *"Follow-up on the Connect Asia-Pacific Summit and Launch of the ICT for Development for the Asia-Pacific Region (ICTD-ASP)"* will be held at the ADB HQs in Manila, Philippines, on 29th and 30th April 2014.

- ❑ Launch the ICT for Development for the Asia-Pacific region (ICTD-ASP);
- ❑ Discuss implementation frameworks and invite partnerships for ongoing or potential projects;
- ❑ Announce commitments from Member States, international organisations, private sector and any interested partners wishing to participate, promote, and support the projects;
- ❑ Provide a forum for partners' dialogues and bi/multi-lateral discussions with an aim to develop new projects or enhance an opportunity for ongoing projects.

Participating Countries and Organizations

Armenia	Indonesia	Malaysia	Pakistan	Tajikistan
Azerbaijan	Japan	Maldives	Papua New Guinea	Thailand
Bangladesh	Kazakhstan	Marshall Islands	Philippines	Tonga
Bhutan	Korea R.O.	Mongolia	Samoa	Tuvalu
Cambodia	Lao PDR	Myanmar	Solomon Islands	Vanuatu
China PRC	Japan	Nepal	Sri Lanka	Viet Nam

Welcome your feedbacks and suggestions for the framework of ICTD-ASP