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Title of presentation	Introduction of the Project
	<p>Sameer Sharma Senior Advisor, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Mr. Sharma is a Senior Advisor at the ITU Regional Office for Asia-Pacific, being responsible for E-Waste, capacity building, and the ITU-UNICEF Giga initiative to connect every school in the region. Previously, he served as Head of Special Initiatives at the Telecommunication Development Bureau, driving digital transformation and partnerships through initiatives like Partner2Connect and Connect2Recover. He also led the ITU-UK Government FCDO Digital Access Programme for digital inclusion.</p> <p>Before, Mr. Sharma was lead for the ITU Flagship Initiative “Connect2Recover” for COVID-19 recovery, focusing on digital infrastructure in Africa, CIS, Americas, Arab, and Asia-Pacific regions. He led the ITU-UNESCO Broadband Commission Working Group on Smartphone Access, promoting affordable smart devices for unconnected populations.</p> <p>Since 2008, Mr. Sharma has been instrumental in achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals in South Asia through ICTs. He has led efforts in cybersecurity, assisting countries in developing National Cybersecurity Strategies and enhancing national CIRTs. He also focused on E-Waste and environmental initiatives to address climate change challenges.</p> <p>Mr. Sharma’s technical expertise includes fostering partnerships for meaningful connectivity, digital transformation, migration to Next Generation Networks, and developing policy frameworks for the Asia-Pacific region. He has also served as acting Regional Director for Asia-Pacific on two occasions.</p>