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# **Asia and the Pacific regional dialogue on Digital Transformation**

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# Agenda

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Tuesday, 7 December 2021	
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<b>Tracks</b>	<b>Regional Dialogue</b>
<b>09:15-09:45</b>	<b>Testing</b>
<b>09:45-10:00</b>	<b>Opening Session</b>  <b>Welcoming Remarks:</b> Ms. Atsuko Okuda, ITU
<b>10:00-10:55</b>	Regional Dialogue Session 1: <b>Towards NextGen Connectivity for all</b>  <b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> Speakers will highlight the ability for countries to participate and compete in new, dynamic and more adaptable digital environments, enabled by the latest IMT networks i.e. 5G. They will also note the importance of data in facilitating the increasing use of Artificial Intelligence and machine learning in multiple sectors.  <b>Moderator:</b> Dr Amal Punchihewa, AIBD  <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Foong Chee Kheong, Axiata</li><li>• Mr Scott W Minehane, ITU Expert</li><li>• Mr. Bashir Patel, Inmarsat</li></ul>
<b>11:00-11:55</b>	Regional Dialogue Session 2: <b>Fibre Optic Overhead Ground Wire (OPGW) &amp; Co-deployment with Transport and Energy (Electricity and Oil &amp; Gas) Infrastructure- Report Presentation</b>  <b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> Speakers will note the potential of co-deployment to accelerate broadband connectivity and the deployment of fiber. Finally, they will emphasize the need for cross-sectoral collaboration when deploying, regulating, and managing ICT infrastructure for the benefit of society.  <b>Moderator:</b> Ms Yoonee Jeong, Asian Development Bank  <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof K M Baharul Islam, (ITU Expert)</li><li>• Mr. Mohd Nazrol Marzuke, Ministry of Communications and Multimedia, Malaysia</li><li>• Dr Ismail, Director General, Ministry of Communication and Informatics, Indonesia</li></ul>
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	Break & Testing
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	Regional Dialogue Session 3: <b>New Business Models in the Telecom Sector- Report Presentation</b>  <b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> Speakers will discuss how, digital disruption has compelled telecom operators to re-consider their current business models. Investment in data network and services ecosystem as well as the availability of smart low cost user devices drive innovations and growth potentials, when accompanied by digital transformation strategies.  <b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Youlia Lozanova, ITU  <b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. R. S. Sharma, (ITU Expert)</li><li>• Mr. Roy D. Ibay Smart Communications, Philippines</li><li>• Mr. Michael Macdonald, Huawei</li></ul>



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09:30-09:55	Testing	
10:00-10:55	<p>Regional Dialogue Session 4: <b>SDG Digital Investment</b></p> <p><i>Special Initiative: Smart Island/Village</i></p> <p><b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> Speakers will discuss how digital transformation of villages and islands will bring about a positive change in local communities' quality of life, not only through connectivity, but also new ICT-enabled services. They will emphasize the principles of interoperability, cooperation, and holistic demand-driven response to SDG-related needs to augment the COVID recovery efforts, address socioeconomic challenges, and accelerate the achievement of the SDGs.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Lematua Gisa Fuatai Purcell, Regulator, Government of Samoa</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Mr Haaris Mahmood Chaudhary, USF, Pakistan</li> <li>• Mr. John Jack, Office of the Government CIO, Vanuatu</li> <li>• Mr. Ajay Jagannath, UNCDF</li> </ul>	
11:00-11:55	<p>Regional Dialogue Session 5: <b>Disinformation, misinformation, malinformation and Infodemics: Ways to handle</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> Speakers will discuss how the dependency on the Internet and online platforms have further increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. They will highlight the harms that disinformation, misinformation, malinformation and Infodemics can cause to individuals and to society at large intentionally or unintentionally</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Philomena Gnananpragasam, AIBD</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Guilherme Canela Redoble, UNESCO</li> <li>• Ms. Mina Seonmin Jun, Korea Information Society Development Institute (KISDI)</li> <li>• Mr. Angel Redoble, Philippine long distance telephone company (PLDT)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Information Session on DFAT Project "Enhancing the Development of Standards and Frameworks for Critical Technologies in Southeast Asia"</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> Speakers will present a new <a href="#">DFAT-funded project</a> that aims to address the implications of the rapid development of critical technologies in Southeast Asia. Additionally, speakers will highlight complementary initiatives and the opportunities of collaborative partnership and cooperation to strengthen the fundamental frameworks, standards, policies, initiatives and enabling environment surrounding critical technologies.</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Atsuko Okuda, ITU</li> <li>• Mr Craig Gilles, DFAT</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Mr. Calvin Chan, ITU</p> <p><b>Other Presentations/Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ella Serry, eSafety Commissioner</li> <li>• Ms. Kris R. Villanueva Libunao, AI for Sustainable Cities</li> <li>• Professor Matthew Dailey, AI Center, Asian Institute for Technology</li> </ul>
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13:00-13:55	<p>Regional Dialogue Session 6: <b>Digital transformation and Whole-of-Government</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> Speakers will highlight how countries are increasingly looking to integrated digital government strategies and technologies to "transform" themselves and the way they do business. They will note the opportunities of digitalization to improve how to operate, how to deliver public services, how to engage stakeholders, and how to provide impactful citizen centric solutions leaving no one behind.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr Hani Eskandar, ITU</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms, Sarah Theresa Fischer, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)</li> <li>Dr. Pallab Saha, Open Group</li> <li>Mr. Hean Samboeun, Cambodia Academy Cambodia</li> </ul>	<p><b>Virtual Digital Policy Convening: Cybersecurity and MSMEs: Policy Implications in Asia and the Pacific</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> There will be a context-setting presentation at the beginning about the cybersecurity opportunities and risks, especially for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Speakers will then highlight digital policy solutions at the national, regional, and international levels that can be considered to address these concerns. They will note how these digital policies can address the main barriers to cybersecurity for MSMEs.</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia-Pacific</li> <li>Dr. Steven G. Olive, Mission Director, USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Ms. Corien Vermaak, Cybersecurity Specialist, Cisco</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Corien Vermaak, Cybersecurity Specialist, Cisco</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Mamello Thinyane, United Nations University Institute in Macau</li> <li>Dr Edit Prima, National Cyber and Crypto Agency (BSSN), Indonesia</li> <li>Dr. Kanpassorn Suriyasangpetch, Telemedica Co., Ltd</li> </ul>
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10:00-10:55	<p>Regional Dialogue Session 7: <b>Meaningful Connectivity through Affordable Devices &amp; Connectivity</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> Speakers will first note how more than 90 per cent of children in 190 countries were affected by school closures by mid-2020, as classes worldwide moved primarily online, education for the world's 1.6 billion students was disrupted. They will highlight how children with lack of quality and reliable Internet access were disproportionately impacted by global shutdowns.</p> <p>Speakers will then discuss how internet penetration and affordability are gradually improving in some LDCs and developing economies, while noting that consumers also face other costs in connection when using these services. They will emphasize the importance of ensuring that schools (and communities) can sustainably pay for connectivity,</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr Mr Robertson Asari, Department of Information &amp; Communication Technology, PNG</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Sebastien Codeville, KaiOS Technologies</li> <li>• Ms, Madiha Parvez, Telenor Pakistan</li> <li>• Dr Kamolrat Intaratat, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand</li> </ul>	<p><b>(10:00-12:45)</b></p> <p><b>1. Financial Inclusion Global Initiative China and the ITU's Digital Financial Services Security Lab</b></p> <p><b>Opening Remarks:</b> Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, ITU</p> <p><b>Presentation &amp; Question and Answer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Yuntao Wang, China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (CAICT)</li> <li>• Mr. Yang He, ITU Expert</li> </ul> <p><b>2. TSB Digital Financial Services Audit Lab Session</b></p> <p><b>Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Arnold Kibuuka, ITU</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Vijay Mauree, ITU</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Rehan Masood, State Bank of Pakistan</li> <li>• Mr. Ganbat Tumurbaatar, Communications Regulatory Commission of Mongolia</li> <li>• Mr. Jaspreet Singh, UNCDF</li> <li>• Ms. Marie Eorage, Centre for Excellence in Financial Inclusion</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> The presenters will note how Digital Financial Services (DFS) have proliferated globally, especially in the Asia-Pacific. They will highlight how, the increasing usage of DFS can lead to inadvertent data leaks, as well as phishing, identity theft, and other risks that may cause harm to consumers. Panelists will then discuss how to ensure DFS security, including the need to understand the different categories of mobile payments, including emerging technologies like distributed ledger.</p>
11:00-11:55	<p>Regional Dialogue Session 8: <b>School Connectivity for All- Special Initiative: Giga</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> Speakers will highlight how the lack of access to the Internet means exclusion, marked by the lack of access to the wealth of information available online, fewer resources to learn and to grow, and limited opportunities for the most vulnerable children and youth to fulfil their potential.</p> <p>They will then note how there is scope to help review of policies, regulatory environment, school connectivity initiatives and availability of connectivity data as well as to pilot and evaluate connectivity solutions and business models for long-term sustainability for school connectivity.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Frank Van Capelle, UNICEF</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Danny J. Ismawan, Ministry of Communication and Informatics, Indonesia</li> <li>• Mr. Waseem Ajmal, Ministry of Education, Pakistan</li> <li>• Mr. Toan Son Dang, UNESCO</li> </ul>	
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<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<p>Regional Dialogue Session 9: <b>Digitally Accessible Asia Pacific</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> Speakers will note how ICT must be designed and made accessible if people are to have equal and equitable access to public information and services. They will highlight how ICTs Accessibility must be taken into consideration as part of digital transformation, to ensure that persons with disabilities (PWDs) are not left behind.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr Syed Waqas, Ministry of Information Technology, Pakistan</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Roxana Widmer-Iliescu &amp; Mr Sean Doral, ITU</li> <li>• Mr Wong Yoong Loong, National Council for the Blind Malaysia (NCBM)</li> <li>• Mr Yong Lee, SCE, Republic of Korea</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Introduction to the Regional Hour of Code: Promoting STEM Education amongst Girls</b></p> <p><b>Workshop Snapshot:</b> The Hour of Code is a global campaign to encourage students, teachers, and parents to try a one-hour introduction to computer science with the goal of showing that anybody can learn the basics.</p> <p>Additionally, there will be a linked session on ITU awareness Child Online Protection guidelines focusses on protection of children as a common responsibility to all relevant stakeholders to ensure a sustainable future for all.</p> <p><b>Opening remarks:</b> Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Anju Mangal, Alliance for Affordable Internet, World Wide Web Foundation</p> <p><b>Speakers and Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Bless de Vera, Generation Connect Asia and the Pacific Youth Member</li> <li>• Ms. Shradha Pandey, Generation Connect Asia and the Pacific Youth Member</li> <li>• Ms. Florida Tumulango, National Youth Organization Vanuatu and SMART SISTAS initiative</li> <li>• Ms. Shiba Satyal Banskota, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia</li> </ul>
<b>14:00-17:00</b>		<p><b>The Asia and the Pacific Regional Hour of Code</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> Speakers will highlight how gender inequality in the physical world is mirrored in the digital setting, disadvantaging girls from realizing their full potential and contributions. They will note that there is a gender gap in the Asia-Pacific region is still lagging behind the world's average.</p> <p>Following the discussions, The Hour of Code will occur, which is an introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science</p> <p><b>Opening remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Maha Muna, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia</li> <li>• Mr. Jake Bell, Code.org</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderators:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Achia Nila, Women in Digital</li> <li>• Ms. Sharayu Rani Joshi, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia</li> <li>• Ms. Emma Hamilton Clark, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia</li> <li>• Ms. Yu Cheng, ITU</li> </ul>

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		<p><b>Facilitators:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Jake Bell, Code.org</li> <li>• Ms. Jahanara Islam (Mridula), Daffodil International University in Bangladesh</li> <li>• Ms. Binita Shrestha, Women in STEAM, Nepal</li> <li>• Ms. Fanny Rotino, ITU</li> </ul>

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10:30-10:55	Testing
11:00-12:30	<p><b>Digital Technology Innovations Series Webinar#3: "Fintech Advancements with 5G"</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> Speakers will highlight present potential fintech advancements with the advent of 5G. They will highlight the opportunities, to share knowledge of digital innovations emerging in the ASP region, and to discover their potential applications in different economies regionally.</p> <p><b>Context-Setting Introduction:</b> Ms Arpita Pal Agrawal, M-CRIL</p> <p><b>Presentations and Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. D. Janakiram, Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)</li> <li>• Dr N Rajendran, MCXIndia</li> <li>• Ms. Adilah Junid, Axiata Group</li> <li>• Ms. Pamela Isabelle Z. Belen, Umpisa Inc</li> </ul>
	Break
13:00-14:30	<p><b>The Regional Innovation Forum for Asia and the Pacific: Digital Innovation Ecosystems, Digital Trade, and e-commerce: a regional perspective</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> This session will start with a context-setting report from UNCTAD about the state of the Digital Economy 2021, including Asia-Pacific specific results. Following that, panelists will note the policies that anchor digital trade and e-commerce, especially in the ecosystem and its key pillars (Policy, Culture, Talent, Infrastructure, Market, Capital, and Vision and Strategy). They will also highlight some of the programs that can facilitate e-commerce and digital trade.</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b> Ms. Atsuko Okuda, ITU</p> <p><b>Presentation on Digital Economy Report 2021, including Asia-Pacific specific Results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Thomas van Giffen, UNCTAD</li> <li>• Mr. Mohamed Ba, ITU</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mohamed Ba, ITU</p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Kar Sin Ng, MaGIC Malaysia</li> <li>• Mr. Tshering Cigay Dorji, Thimphu TechPark Bhutan</li> <li>• Mr. R H M Alaol Kabir, Innovation Design and Entrepreneurship Academy (iDEA), Bangladesh</li> <li>• Mr. Jaygan Fu Ponnodurai, OVO, Indonesia</li> </ul>
14:30-15:30	<p><b>The Regional Innovation Forum for Asia and the Pacific: An innovation journey: stories from the frontlines</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Snapshot:</b> This session brings together ITU Global South COVID-19 Digital Innovation Challenges winner and innovative young entrepreneurs to share their stories from the Asia-Pacific region.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Sameera Jayawardena, ICTA, Sri Lanka</p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Subhi Quraishi, ZMQ Development</li> <li>• Ms. Neelima Dhingra,, Dimagi Software Innovations Private Limited</li> <li>• H.E. Chea Sereyvath, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications Cambodia</li> <li>• Mr. Arghya Bhattacharya, Signzy.com</li> </ul>