ITU Workshop on Regional Cooperation of Startup Ecosystems as a Key Factor of Digital Economy Growth

Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, 15-16 October 2019

Venue: **International Hotel Tashkent**, 107A Amir Temur Avenue, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

PROGRAMME

15 October 2019, Tuesday

09:30–10:00	**Registration**
10:00–10:15	**Opening remarks:** • Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan • International Telecommunication Union (ITU) • IT Park of Uzbekistan
10:15–10:30	**Introductory presentation** • ITU activities in the CIS region. Global initiatives to support startups and SMEs – **Farid Nakhli**, Programme Officer, **ITU** Regional Office for CIS
10:30–11:00	**Group photo and coffee break**
11:00–12:30	**Session 1: Common practices of startup ecosystem creation, role of governments and private sector. Country cases** • *IT Park of the Republic of Uzbekistan* – **Farhod Ibragimov**, Director • *How to develop regional startup ecosystem. EU experience* – **Till Ohrmann**, PIRATEx CEO/Founder, **Germany** • *Challenges and perspectives of startup ecosystem in Uzbekistan* – **Hikmat Abdurakhmanov**, Co-founder of GroundZero network, Country Director, Global Entrepreneurship Network, **Uzbekistan** • *Importance of regional cooperation between startup ecosystems as a key factor of digital economy growth* – **Irakli Kashibadze**, CEO, Future Laboratory, **Georgia** Panel discussion – **Creating startup ecosystem**
12:30–13:30	**Lunch**
13:30–15:00	**Session 2: Startup trends and main points of growth in mid-term perspective (finance, education, healthcare, agriculture etc.)** • *Proactive entrepreneurship* – **Laura Taganova**, Startup entrepreneur, **Kazakhstan** • *Trends in startup development* – **Till Ohrmann**, PIRATEx CEO/Founder, **Germany** • *E-commerce: current status and perspectives in Uzbekistan and Central Asia* – **Muzaffar Agzamov**, Chairman, E-commerce Association of **Uzbekistan** Panel discussion – **Trends in startup development**
15:00–15:30	**Coffee break**

15:30–17:00	**Session 3: Infrastructure, funding and education for startups (accelerators, incubators, techno parks, educational programs etc.)** • *Creating innovation ecosystem in Kazakhstan* – **Layla Kenzhina**, Chief Analyst, International Relations Department, AO Zerde, **Kazakhstan** • *Startup ecosystem in Uzbekistan* – **Abdulahad Kuchkarov**, Deputy Director, IT Park, **Uzbekistan** • *Role of Academia in startup infrastructure development. MGIMO experience* – **Alexey Bondarenko**, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Management, Faculty of Financial Economy, MGIMO MFA, **Russian Federation** • *Infrastructure, education and financial programs for startup development in Georgia* – **Irakli Kashibadze**, CEO, Future Laboratory, **Georgia** • *Vladimir Popov,* CEO KBTU Startup Incubator, Founder of EduTech StartUp-Course.com, **Kazakhstan** Panel discussion – **Infrastructure, education and financial programs for startups**
19:00–22:00	**Reception on behalf of the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

16 October 2019, Wednesday

09:00–10:30	**Session 4: Role of regulator in creating enabling environment for startup growth at national level and regional expansion** • *Regulation and mechanisms to support startups in Uzbekistan* – **Amir Mardiev,** First Deputy Director, IT Park, **Uzbekistan** Panel discussion – **role of regulator in creating enabling environment for startup growth, involving market representatives**
10:30–11:00	**Coffee break**
11:00-12:30	**Session 5: Successful startups interested in expansion to CIS and neighboring markets** **Startup presentations**
12:30-13:00	**Round table on Creation of a Permanent Platform for Cooperation between Startup Ecosystems** **Wrap-up, adoption of the outcome document, registration of platform participants, closing remarks**
13:00–14:00	**Lunch**