Draft Work Plan for Year 2021
Co-Chairmanship: ITU and UNECE

The objective of the United Nations Group on Digital Transformation for Europe and Central Asia (UN-DTG4ECA) is to provide a regional platform for UN agencies to

(i) facilitate cooperation and collaboration between different UN agencies in the field of digital transformation, realizing synergies among related areas of work and contributing to the relevant platforms, processes, conferences, etc.;

(ii) promote coordinated UN support to Member States in their implementation of the 2030 Agenda through ICTs, while providing support to the UN Country Teams (UNCTs) on digital transformation issues;

(iii) strengthen information sharing on activities of UN System in Europe and Central Asia in field of digital transformation and their impact on the advancing achievement of SDGs

(iv) provide support to the work of the Issues Based Coalitions and Knowledge Hub of the UN System for Europe and Central Asia, with focus on digital transformation, while keeping track and providing regular updates on the information of new technologies and trends which may be utilized as SDG enablers and accelerators.

The following presents a draft work plan for year 2021:

1) Cooperation and Collaboration
   - Identification of flagship multiagency partnerships and projects to support digital transformation in ECA region involving members of the group, including ITU – UN ECE – UNIDO - UN Women - FAO - WHO – UN Habitat, Others. Examples of initiatives are reflected below
     - Digitally Empowered Generation Equals
     - Digital Excellence in Agriculture
     - mHealth Innovation and Knowledge Hub
   - Identification of challenges and potential gaps requiring multiagency partnerships at the regional level
     - Regional analytical review

2) Support to the UN Country Teams
   - Information session for resident coordinators on the offering of the UN-DTG4SDG
   - Information session on the EU offering in filed of the digital transformation (in close coordination with the UN Brussels and its working group on Digital)

3) Information Sharing on activities of UN System
   - Launch of the public website on the work of the DTG4ECA
   - Launch of the stocktaking report on support of UN system to the digital transformation in Europe and Central Asia
   - Organization of outreach events of the UN DTG4SDG
     - March 2021: Special event at the UN Forum on Sustainable Development for Europe and Central Asia
May 2021: Special event at the World Summit on the Information Society Forum 2021
April 2021: Special event at the Western Balkans Digital Summit
November 2021: Special virtual even within the framework of preparations towards the World Telecommunication Development Conference

4) Support to the work of the Issues Based Coalitions and Knowledge Hub
   - Regular reviews of the work of IBCs with particular focus on digital transformation
   - Repository of UN studies and report related to the digital transformation in ECA region
   - Statistical profile for ECA region with main trends in ICTs