

Concept Note of Side Event

Expanding Digital: Innovations for SDG Fulfillment

April 22, 2024 (13:15-14:15 Bangkok time)

United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) CR2, Bangkok

Organized by the Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Kingdom of Thailand, “National Information Technologies” JSC, International Technopark of IT startups Astana Hub, and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

Background

Digital technologies are transforming societies and economies around the world. With their huge potential for accelerating the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this side event, “Expanding Digital: Innovations for SDG Fulfillment,” seeks to be a critical discussion platform aligned with the theme of the 80th Commission Session ‘Leveraging digital innovation for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific’.

In line with ESCAP Resolution 79/10, the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Digital Inclusion and Transformation (APMCDIT) will be organized in Astana, Kazakhstan, in September 2024. This side event will allow participants to engage on the agenda items and topics for the upcoming APMCDIT and exchange their views on its expectations and outcomes. The government of Kazakhstan will also present the vision of the proposed Digital Solutions Centre for Sustainable Development.

In addition, at the margins of the 80th Commission Session, Kazakhstan’s “GovTech X: Innovations for Better Future” exhibition booth will be showcased to demonstrate cutting-edge technologies that are driving efficient governance, fostering citizen engagement, and enhancing public service delivery. This side event will officially open the exhibition booth for participants to learn about these digital applications.

Objectives

The objectives of the side event are to promote information sharing and dialogue on the upcoming APMCDIT, open the Kazakhstan exhibition booth on GovTech, and present the vision of the proposed Digital Solutions Center for Sustainable Development. The side event will help provide insights and promote regional cooperation to leverage digital innovations for the SDGs.

Opening Remarks and Moderation

- ✓ H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Murat Nurtleu, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Bagdat Mussin, Minister of the Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan (MDDIAI)

Tentative Programme
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13:00 - 13:15 **Registration**

13:15 - 13:30 **Opening Remarks**

H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

H.E. Mr. Murat Nurtleu, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

13:30 - 14:10 **Panel Session on Sharing Best Practices on Digital Solutions**

Moderator: H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Invited speakers

14:10 - 14:14 **Closing Remarks**

H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (TBC)

14:14 - 14:15 **Group Photo**

Invited speakers:

- ✓ H.E. Mr. Rashad Nabiyeu, Minister of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Sajeeb Ahmed Wazed, Information and Communication Technology Advisor to the Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister for Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology of the Republic of India (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Budi Arie Setaidi, Minister of Communications and Information Technology of the Republic of Indonesia (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Dr. Isa Zare Pour, Minister of Information and Communications Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Taro Kono, Minister for Digital Transformation of Japan (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Ms. Nuria Kutnaeva, Minister of Digital Development of the Kyrgyz Republic (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Ali Ihusaan, Minister of Homeland Security and Technology of the Republic of Maldives (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Uchral Nyam-Osor, Minister of Digital Development and Communications of Mongolia (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Dr. Umar Saif, Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunication of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (TBC)

- ✓ H.E. Mr. Jin Zhuanglong, Minister of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Ivan John Enrile Uy, Secretary of Information and Communications Technology of the Republic of Philippines (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Dr. Lee Jong Ho, Minister of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Maksut Shadayev, Minister of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Sherali Kabir, Minister of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Tajikistan (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Beg Sabur, Head of the Communication Service Under Government of the Republic of Tajikistan (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Prasert Chanthararuangthong, Minister of Digital Economy and Society of the Kingdom of Thailand (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Khadjimurat Khudaiguliyev, Chairman of Turkmenaragatnashyk Agency of Turkmenistan (TBC)
- ✓ H.E. Mr. Shermatov Sherzod, Minister of Digital Technologies, Republic of Uzbekistan (TBC)