80th Commission Session

Side Event

"Shaping Sustainable Ageing Through Digital Innovation in Asia-Pacific Countries"

Concept Note

Date and Time: Tuesday, **23 April 2024, 12:45 - 14:15** hours BKK time zone (confirmed)

Organizer: Department of Older Persons, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security,

       Thailand

Partners: 1. Australia's eSafety Commissioner

       2. Social Development Division, ESCAP

       3. ASK Health Asia, Singapore

       4. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Venue: Conference Room 2, Floor 2, United Nations Conference Centre
Rajadamnern Nok Avenue. Bangkok 10200 Thailand
Google Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/CWSX35unZB4QsqNB8

Language of the meeting: The event will be conducted in English only.

Registration: kindly register through both platforms as follows;
1. https://indico.un.org/event/1007591/ (by 12 April)
2. https://bit.ly/ESCAP80SideEventReg (by 11 April)

Description:

Asia and the Pacific is undergoing a rapid transition towards an increase in the number and share of older persons surpassing other world regions. This accelerated demographic shift leaves the region with limited time to effectively address the challenges and opportunities it presents. The strain on healthcare systems and social services has posed an impact on the overall well-being of older persons as well as the governments striving to achieve Sustainable Development Goals.

Digital innovation has emerged as a crucial tool in enabling societies to navigate the complexities of a growing numbers of older population, shaping and sustaining inclusive societies and accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This side event aims to showcase the approaches employed by countries in the Asia-Pacific region facing population ageing at a fast pace. It provides a platform to share countries' perspectives, priorities, good practices and lessons learned in leveraging digital innovation to address the challenges posed by demographic shifts. The discussion is also followed by exchanging opinions on opportunities and challenges in implementing and accelerating digital innovation that cater to the needs of older persons.

Participants in the side event will have the opportunity to engage in Q&A session, contributing to constructive feedback and interactive discussion to advance Sustainable Development Goals.

The anticipated outcome is an increased understanding of the interplay between sustainable development and digital innovation within the context of population ageing, ultimately harnessing regional efforts for a positive impact on achieving SDGs across multiple aspects and disciplines.
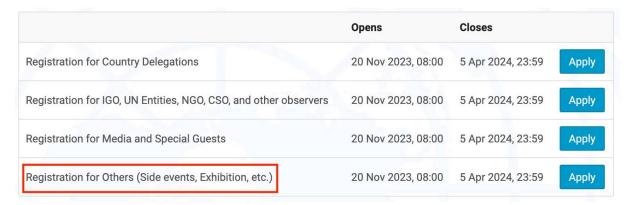
Event Outline:

12.45-12.50	**Moderator** Associate Professor Ruttiya Bhula-Or, Ph.D.	5 mins	Moderation of the event
12.50-12.55	**Opening Remarks** Ms. Lin Yang	5 mins	Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP
12.55-13.00	**Welcoming Remarks** Ms. Ramrung Worawat	5 mins	Director-General, the Department of Older Persons, Thailand
13.00-13.05	**Photo Session**		
13.05-13.15	**Speaker 1** Ms. Ramrung Worawat, Director-General, Department of Older Persons (Thailand)	10 mins	Government perspective on sustainable ageing through digital innovation with a focus on ageing policies and implementation
13.15-13.25	**Speaker 2** Mr. Warren de Fonseka, Senior International Development Officer, Australia's eSafety Commissioner	10 mins	Online safety and digital literacy of older Australians – examples from the eSafety Commissioner
13.25-13.35	**Speaker 3** Mr. Srinivas Tata, Director of Social Development Division, ESCAP	10 mins	ESCAP perspective on sustainable ageing through digital innovation with a focus on digital inclusion and older persons
13.35-13.45	**Speaker 4** Dr. Chang Liu, CEO of ASK Health Asia (Singapore)	10 mins	CEO perspective on sustainable ageing through digital innovation with a focus on Health System Transformation and Policy Innovation
13.45-13.55	**Speaker 5** Mr. Kazuya Suzuki, Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	10 mins	JICA perspective on sustainable ageing through digital innovation with a focus on cooperation and innovative approach
13.55-14.10	**Discussion and Q & A**	15 mins	
14.10-14.15	**Closing Remarks**	5 mins	Key messages from speakers

Registration Process

Step 1 Indico Registration

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1) Register your account or create an account in Indico - https://indico.un.org/event/1007591/

2) After logging in, proceed to the link and select to register in Registration for Others (Side events, Exhibition, etc.)

	Opens	Closes	
Registration for Country Delegations	20 Nov 2023, 08:00	5 Apr 2024, 23:59	Apply
Registration for IGO, UN Entities, NGO, CSO, and other observers	20 Nov 2023, 08:00	5 Apr 2024, 23:59	Apply
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3) Select "**Non-ESCAP Meeting participants**" and type to add the organization name (if you can't find it from the drop-down menu), and proceed to complete the rest of the profile.

Representation Type   Representative of governments, NGOs, etc.

Representation * Type	Non ESCAP Meeting participants ⌄
Country/Organisa * tion	Department of Older Persons

Step 2 Google Form Registration: please register via https://bit.ly/ESCAP80SideEventReg
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