Expert Group Meeting on Enhancing Capacity to Promote E-Government for Women's Empowerment in Asia and the Pacific

4 to 5 October 2016
UNCC, Bangkok (Meeting Room F)

Tuesday, 4 October 2016 (Day 1)

Session 1: Setting the Scene

Expected Outcomes:
- ✓ Understanding of context and objectives of workshop and role of participants
- ✓ Enhanced understanding of issues surrounding e-government for women's empowerment and of findings of ESCAP research study on e-government and gender equality

08:00-08:30	Registration
08:30-09:00	**Opening** Welcome remarks • Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) • Mr. Jae-Hong Lim, Head, United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG) (15 minutes) Introductions • Tour de Table (15 minutes)
09:00 - 10:15	**Introducing E-Government for Women's Empowerment** Presentation on project on e-government for women's empowerment (10 minutes) • Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP Presentation on report on e-government for women's empowerment and findings (45 minutes) • Ms. Anita Gurumurthy, Consultant, Director, IT for Change Discussion (15 minutes)
10:15-10:45	*Coffee break*

Session 2: Gender, Governance and E-Government

Expected Outcome:
- ✓ Experts provide feedback and input on training module 1 on gender, governance and e-government and tracking gender-responsive e-government
- ✓ Knowledge and good practices on institutional mechanisms and initiatives in the area of gender, governance and e-government are shared

10:45-12:00	**Gender, Governance and e-Government**

	Open exercise
	    • Group exercise
	       (25 minutes)
	Presentation on training modules
	    • Ms. Anita Gurumurthy, Consultant, Director, IT for Change
	       (30 minutes)
	Discussion
	(20 minutes)

12:00-13:30	*Lunch*

<div align="center">

Session 3: Gender-Responsive E-Government

</div>

Expected Outcome:
✓ Knowledge and good practices are shared on gender-responsive strategies and practices in e-services, e-participation and promoting connectivity

13:30-15:00	**Panel Discussion on "Gender-Responsive E-Government – Insights and Future Directions"**

	The panel discussion is intended to generate an interactive dialogue among participants on gender-responsive e-government. It aims to share experiences of good practices and initiatives, as well as challenges in introducing a gender dimension to e-government. The discussion will address the following questions:
	  ➢ What have been main obstacles in making e-government gender-responsive, in particular with regards to e-government policy development and mainstreaming gender in the institutional processes of e-government policy-making?
	  ➢ How can the government e-services be designed and implemented to be more gender-responsive?
	  ➢ How can ICTs promote women's engagement in governance and governance mechanisms through, e.g. e-information, e-consultation and e-decision-making?
	  ➢ How can women's access to connectivity be shaped differently from men?

15:00-15:30	*Coffee break*

15:30-16:15	**APCICT Activities on WIFI and E-Government**
	
	Presentation on "Case Study: E-Government for women entrepreneurs- Women and ICT Frontier Initiative (WIFI)"
	    • Ms. Gabrielle Iglesias, Programme Officer, Asia-Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT) (15 minutes)
	
	Presentation on "Overview of APCICT Academy and e-government modules"
	    • Mr. Robert de Jesus, Programme Officer, Asia-Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT) (15 minutes)
	
	Group discussion Q&A (15 minutes)

09:00-10:15	**Opening Ceremony of Fifth Session of ESCAP Committee on ICT** UN Conference Centre, Conference Room 3
10:15-10:30	*Coffee break*

Session 4: Addressing the Rights of Women through ICTs

Expected Outcome:
- ✓ Knowledge and experience are shared on design, approach and strategies governments can use to address women's rights through ICTs.

10:30-12:00	**Panel Discussion on "How Can Governments use ICTs to Address Women's Rights, Particularly of Vulnerable Women?"**
	
	The panel discussion is intended to generate an interactive dialogue among participants on ICT and the needs and rights of women, particularly vulnerable women. It will address:
	  ➢ Existing government and non-government initiatives and how they respond to the needs and rights of different groups of women.
	  ➢ How can governments use ICTs to support these rights and needs.

12:00-13:00	*Lunch*

Session 5: Review of Training Modules on Gender-Responsive E-Government

Expected Outcome:
- ✓ Experts provide feedback and input on training modules
- ✓ Design and functionality of online modalities are discussed with a view to enhancing outreach and impact
- ✓ Next steps discussed on roll-out of training

13:00-13:15	Presentation on e-learning • Mr. Bryce Hartley, Consultant, Social Development Division, ESCAP (10 minutes) Q&A (5 minutes)
13:15-15:15	**Group Work** Group a) module 1 and 5 on gender, governance, e-government and tracking e-government for women's empowerment Group b) module 2 on e-services Group c) module 3 on e-participation Group d) module 4 on connectivity and women's empowerment
15:15-15:30	*Coffee break*
15:30-16:45	**Group Presentations**

	(60 minutes) Discussion (15 minutes)

Session 6: Closing

16:45-17:00	End-of-workshop evaluation questionnaire Closing