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Working Group on the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway
Side Event: Capacity building workshop on improving broadband connectivity
Incheon, Republic of Korea
1-2 September, 2015

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 1 September 2015

8.30 – 9.00 hrs	**Registration**
09.00 -11.45 hrs.	**Capacity building workshop (session 1) : Improving broadband connectivity at the sub-regional level** - **Introductory remarks** by ESCAP secretariat - Improving broadband connectivity in Central Asia, **Presentation by Ms. Yoonee Jeong, TRPC Ltd.** - One belt, many roads and beyond, **Abu Saeed Khan, LirneAsia** - Study on the Asia-Pacific information superhighway in the ASEAN region, and Next IXP connectivity study plan and Korean case , Presentation and discussion of **ESCAP-NIA study**
11.45 – 13.30 hrs.	**Lunch break**

13.30-14.15 hrs.	**Item 1: Opening of the First Session of the Working Group on the Asia-Pacific information superhighway** - Welcome remarks by **Mr. Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Head of ESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia** - Welcome remarks by **Mr. Younghae Choi, Director, International Cooperation Bureau of the Republic of Korea** - Introductory remarks by **Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)**
14.15-14.20 hrs.	**Item 2: Election of officers** - Election of the Working Group Chair and Vice-chair persons
14.20-14.30 hrs.	**Item 3: Organisation of work and adoption of the agenda** - Introduction of the agenda items - Adoption of the agenda
14.30 - 15.25 hrs.	**Item 4: Regional broadband backbone networks for the Asia-Pacific information superhighway** **Moderator :** Chairperson - Introduction by the ESCAP secretariat (15 mn) - Presentation by **Mr. Michael Ruddy, Terabit Consulting** (15 mn) - Presentation by **Mr. Sonam Phuntsho, Ministry of Information and Communications, Royal Government of Bhutan** (15 mn) - Open discussions
15.25 – 15.35 hrs.	**Coffee break**

15.35 - 16.50 hrs.	**Item 4 (continued): Regional broadband backbone networks for the Asia-Pacific information superhighway**
	
	Moderator : Chairperson
	
	   - Presentation by **Mr. Hui Chen, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, China** (15 mn)
	   - Presentation by **Republic of Korea** (15 mn)
	
	   - Open discussions (45 mn)

18:00-20:00 hrs.	**Welcome Dinner hosted by MSIP and NIA** - Premier Hall at 36th floor, Oakwood Premier Incheon

Wednesday, 2 September 2015

09:00 – 10.45 hrs.	**Item 5: Regional Internet Traffic exchange / management for the Asia-Pacific information superhighway** **Moderator :** Chairperson - Introduction by the ESCAP secretariat (10 mn) - Review of core principles: public/private collaboration mechanisms for traffic management, importance of Internet Exchange Points, need for standing collaboration mechanisms, **The Internet Society**, (25 mn) - Presentation by Ms. Siksingha, **TOT Thailand** (15 mn) - Presentation by Mr. Désiré Karyabwite of the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** (15mn) - Open discussions (40 mn)
10.45 – 11.00 hrs.	**Coffee break**
11.00 – 12.30 hrs.	**Item 6: Enhanced transmission infrastructure resilience for the Asia-Pacific information superhighway** **Moderator:** Vice-chair person - Introduction by the ESCAP secretariat (10 mn) - Review of core principles: Importance of designing for resilience, mechanisms for regional cooperation to assist developing countries, importance of resilience for promoting development goals, **Mr. Peter Lange, Buddecom** (25 mn) - Presentation by **Mr. Kenji Kaneko, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan** (15 mn) - Open discussions (40 mn)
12.30 – 14.00 hrs.	**Lunch break**

14.00 - 15.30 hrs.	**Item 7: Asia-Pacific information superhighway for inclusive access to broadband** **Moderator:** Vice- chair person - Introduction by the ESCAP secretariat (10 mn) - National Experience of Paksistan, **Mr. Mudassar Hussain, Ministry of Information Technology, Government of Pakistan** (20 mn) - Presentation by **Mr. Alexander Dodulad, Ministry of Telecom and Mass Communications of the Russian Federation** (15 mn) - Open discussions (40 mn)
15.30 – 15.45 hrs.	**Coffee break**
15.45 – 16.30 hrs.	**Item 8: Outcome and way forward for the Asia-Pacific information superhighway** **Moderator :** Chairperson - Review and discussion on the outcome (45 mn) - Organisation of the 2nd session of the Working Group
16.30 - 16.45 hrs.	**Capacity building workshop (session 2) : Improving broadband connectivity at the sub-regional level** - Summary of lessons learnt from the Working Group and their applicability at the subregional level (ESCAP secretariat, 10 mn) - Open discussions (5mn)