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2010-2011 and review of the draft strategic framework
for 2011-2013**

Future programme focus

Note by the secretariat

I.   Introduction

The purpose of the present document is to provide background information on the strategic framework for 2010-2011 and the draft strategic framework for 2012-2013 in respect of subprogramme 5, Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction, as endorsed by the Commission at its sixty-sixth session.

II. The strategic framework 2010-2011[1]

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen regional cooperation for the improved management of disasters and associated socio-economic risks and to promote application of information and communications technology for socio-economic development in the ESCAP region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased sharing of knowledge among ESCAP member States on policy options, strategies and best practices for information and communications technology (ICT) connectivity and for integrating multi-hazard disaster risk reduction into national development	(a) (i) Increased percentage of those participating in ESCAP activities on ICT connectivity and disaster risk reduction who indicate that knowledge-sharing within the region has increased (ii) Increased number of policy practices in multi-hazard disaster risk reduction collected, documented, analysed and disseminated by ESCAP to member States
(b) Strengthened regional cooperative mechanisms in support of ICT connectivity and disaster risk management	(b) (i) Increased number of ESCAP member States taking measures to enhance regional cooperative mechanisms promoted by ESCAP in support of ICT connectivity (ii) Increased number of ESCAP member States actively participating in regional cooperative mechanisms for disaster risk management fostered by ESCAP
(c) Improved capabilities of ESCAP member States in the field of multi-hazard assessment, preparedness, early warning and response to disaster risks	(c) Increased percentage of ESCAP member States participating in ESCAP activities that indicate that they are better able to assess, prepare for and respond to disaster risks
(d) Improved institutional capacity of ESCAP member States to apply ICT for socio-economic development	(d) Increased percentage of participants benefiting from the work of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development and from other ESCAP initiatives, including an increase in the number who indicate that they are better able to apply ICT for socio-economic development

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[1] See A/63/6/Rev.1, p. 284. For the endorsement of the Commission, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 19* (E/2009/39-E/ESCAP/65/32), paras. 180-188.

III. The draft strategic framework for 2012-2013[2]

Objective of the Organization: To enhance regional cooperation for improved management of disasters and associated socio-economic risks and to promote applications of information and communications technology for inclusive and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Improved capacity of policymakers to develop policies and strategies for effective disaster risk reduction and on applications of information and communications technology, including relevant gender dimensions, for inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development	(a) (i) Increased percentage of policymakers who indicated enhanced knowledge and skills to develop policies and strategies in the field of information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction, including gender dimensions (ii) Increased number of government policies, strategies, programmes, projects and initiatives, which reflect ESCAP-promoted principles and recommendations in the area of information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction
(b) Increased sharing among policymakers of knowledge on effective strategies and policy options for disaster risk reduction, including for climate change adaptation, and information and communications technology connectivity	(b) Increased number of visitors to information on strategies and policy options promoted by ESCAP on disaster risk reduction, including for climate change adaptation, and information and communications technology connectivity
(c) Strengthened regional cooperation mechanisms in disaster risk reduction and information and communications technology	(c) Increased number of ESCAP member States participating in ESCAP-promoted regional cooperation mechanisms in disaster risk reduction and information and communications technology, including space applications
(d) Improved institutional capacity of ESCAP member States to use information and communications technology for socio-economic development	(d) (i) Percentage of participants in activities of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development who indicate that they are