



# Regional Workshop for Knowledge-hubs in Central Asia and Neighbouring Countries, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

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Project and objective and expected outcome of the current workshop



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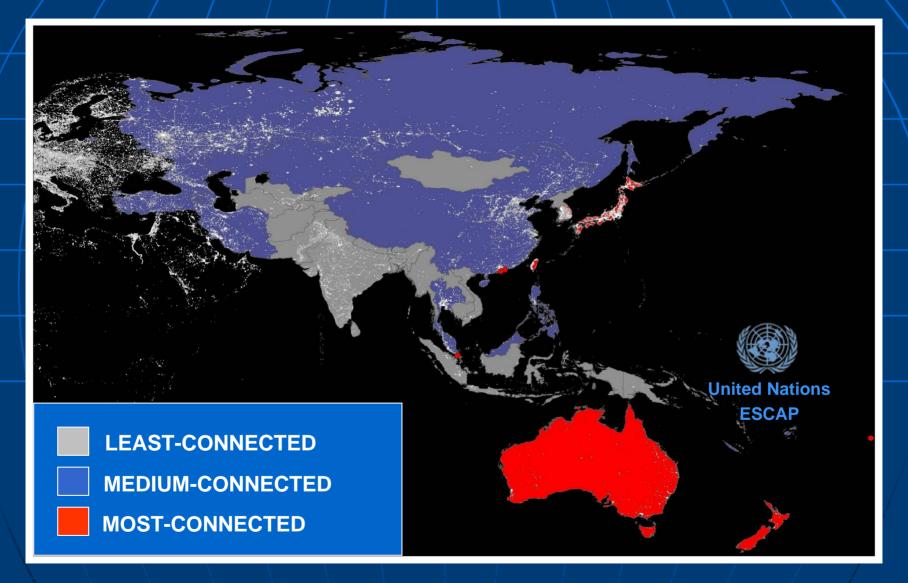


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### **Global mandate**

#### Millennium Declaration in 2000

- MDG 8:Develop a global partnership-target:
  - ★ To "ensure that the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communication technologies [...] are available to all"

#### WSIS Plan of Action

- To "empower local communities, especially those in rural and underserved area, in ICT use and promote the production of useful and socially meaningful content for the benefit of all"
- Two of the ten targets to be achieved by 2015:
  - → To connect villages with ICTs and establish community access points;
  - ★ To ensure that more than half the world's inhabitants have access to ICTs within their reach

#### Knowledge networks/tele-centres

Contribute to poverty reduction and inclusive and sustainable development



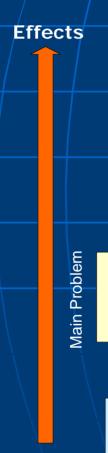








# Knowledge networks through ICT access points for disadvantaged communities – Problem analysis



Causes

Reduced sustainability of ICT access points

Insufficient rates of job creation

Isolated disadvantaged communities and slowing down of their socio-economic development

Decreased use of ICT access points

Missed opportunities for SMEs and young entrepreneurs

Limited empowerment opportunities

Fragmented and inadequately utilized knowledge in sustainable development

Inadequate exchange of experiences and information related to ICT access points

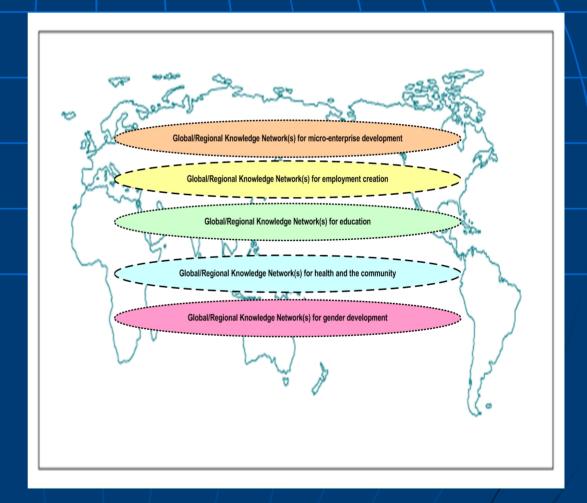
Weak linkages among stakeholders Low capabilities of disadvantaged communities in accessing, adapting and utilizing knowledge





# Knowledge networks through ICT access points for disadvantaged communities - Objective

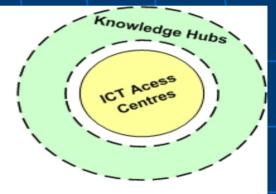
To empower the poor and disadvantaged communities through the transformation of existing ICT access points in selected countries around the world into knowledge hubs of regional/global knowledge networks





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> Transformation Process



Knowledge

Training

Information

ICT Access Phone, PC, Internet



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