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Workshop for Turning Today's Youth into Tomorrow's Leaders

BACKGROUND

Introduction of APCICT

The United Nations Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT) was established in June 2006 in Incheon, Republic of Korea. As a regional institute of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Centre has a mission to build the human and institutional capacities of countries in the region to use information and communication technologies (ICT) for sustainable socio-economic development.

Guided by its mission, the Centre has developed two flagship programmes. The *Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders* is targeted to government leaders and policymakers, while *Turning Today's Youth into Tomorrow's Leaders* targets students and youth. These two programmes have seen wide uptake and institutionalization in the region, and have contributed to strengthening ICTD capacities.

Turning Today's Youth into Tomorrow's Leaders

To build the ICT capacity of youth, APCICT has initiated the *Turning Today's Youth into Tomorrow's Leaders* programme. This programme is focused on equipping the future workforce with the requisite knowledge of ICT applications for promoting socio-economic development.

APCICT has developed the *Primer Series on ICTD for Youth (Primer Series)* as a learning resource for institutions of higher learning and to help fill the gaps in ICTD education. The Primer Series serves as a tool to help educators fill the gap in ICTD coverage in universities. It is comprised of multiple issues addressing a range of topics in ICTD and is flexible enough for use in different national contexts.

To engage students, the Centre has offered internships to graduate students in order to build their capacity and provide practical exposure to work in the ICTD field. The Centre also provided guidance and mentoring in the form of short, 1-2 month work opportunities to undergraduate students who will go on to become part of the future workforce.

In November 2014, APCICT held a *Regional Dialogue on ICT for Development and Annual Partners Meeting* and had in-depth discussions on specific topics to be developed into regional initiatives.

Workshop for Turning Today's Youth into Tomorrow's Leaders

As part of developing these regional initiatives, APCICT is organizing a workshop to engage youth to develop regional initiatives on different topics related to ICTD. This workshop will provide youth with an opportunity to learn about ICTD and to build skills related to ICTD project development. The workshop will make use of both face-to-face and online activities (also known as “hybrid learning”).

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The workshop is being organized with the aim of enhancing understanding of the following:

1. ICT for development (ICTD) principles, practices and programme development skills;
2. Specific issues in ICT for sustainable development in Asia-Pacific ; and
3. The United Nations and international development.

WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

Participants will join APCICT team on one of the following topics*:

- Women Empowerment through ICT
- ICT for Education
- ICT Competency Standards
- Positive and Responsible Use of Social Media

* Please refer to the attached project descriptions for more details.

Activities for each of the teams will include:

- stocktaking of initiatives in Asia-Pacific,
- identification of major stakeholders in each area,
- mapping gaps or needs, and
- other activities to support the development of new regional initiatives.

Participants will present their work at the end of this workshop.

Upon successful completion of the workshop programme and activities, selected individuals may be engaged in project implementation.

QUALIFICATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Applicants must meet one of the following requirements:

- be enrolled in a graduate school programme (second university degree or equivalent, or higher); or
- be enrolled in the final academic year of a first university degree programme (minimum Bachelor's level or equivalent); or
- have graduated with a university degree within one year.

WORKING LANGUAGE

- Excellent communication skills (written and oral) in English are required.

WORKSHOP PERIOD

- 20 January 2015 – 27 February 2015 (six weeks).

WORKSHOP FORMAT

- The workshop will use “hybrid learning” methods over the six week period. There will be both face-to-face and online activities. There will be three days of face-to-face activities at the APCICT office in Songdo, Incheon. In addition there will be weekly activities online. Please see the programme section for the face-to-face meeting schedule. Participants must have their own access to a computer with internet access and work space for the online activities.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Submission of completed application form by December 31, 2014 via email to recruit@unapcict.org.
- Short listed candidates will be individually invited to an interview.

For any enquiries, please send an email to Ms. Haley Hyun (recruit@unapcict.org).

* NOTE: Participants are not financially remunerated by APCICT. Upon successful completion of this workshop, participants will be received a certificate signed by the Director of APCICT.

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

There will be 3 physical meetings at the APCICT office in Songdo, Incheon.

- 1st Meeting

DATE	DESCRIPTION
January 20, 2015 (Tuesday)	Workshop Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of APCICT• Forming of topic teams• Instruction on workshop activities (stocktaking)

- 2nd Meeting

DATE	DESCRIPTION
February 10, 2015 (Tuesday)	Interim Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress report and presentation• Discussion and feedback• Guidance to presenting outputs

- 3rd Meeting

DATE	DESCRIPTION
February 27, 2015 (Friday)	Wrapping-up Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submission of the final report• Presentation of report• Final discussion and feedback