Regional Launch of Capacity Building Programme on ICT for Climate Resilient Development

11 April 2022 (Virtual)

BACKGROUND

Climate change is the most pressing environmental challenge of our time. The future of our planet depends on concerted action to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). The Asia-Pacific region is said to account for nearly half of the global production of GHG emissions. As the region most vulnerable to impacts of climate change, it needs to accelerate GHG reduction efforts and build greater resilience through climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Information and communication technologies play crucial roles in climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies. The ICT sector, in itself, is both a contributor and part of the response to climate change. From a policy perspective, it is important to rethink the way the ICTs can reduce ecological footprint as well as how to leverage digital technologies in climate change adaptation planning.

Yet ICTs and the ICT sector cannot solve the problem of global warming. Collaboration between governments, private sector, consumers and other key stakeholders is instrumental for supporting an enabling environment for climate resilient development. Multi-stakeholder collaboration is needed to unlock the carbon abatement potential of ICTs as well as to deliver broader societal benefits for climate action and resilience.

The Asian and Pacific Training Centre for ICT for Development, a regional institute of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), will launch and organize the Capacity Building Programme on "ICT for Climate Resilient Development" on 11-13 April 2022 (virtual). The event aims to raise awareness on the role of ICT practitioners in addressing the global challenge of climate change; enhance understanding on the key concepts of climate resilient development and the applications of ICTs in climate resilient development, adaptation and mitigation; and strengthen collaborative partnerships between ICT and climate change professionals to achieve climate resilient outcomes.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

- ICT policymakers, managers and officers in the public sector (including those working in information and knowledge management);
- Technical officers working in climate-related sectors at national and subnational governments, including those in agriculture, fisheries, energy and environment; and
- ICT, climate change and environment professionals from the private and NGO sector.

DATE AND VENUE

A regional launch will take place on 11 April from 13:00 am to 15:00 pm Korea time (UTC+9).

PROGRAMME AGENDA

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11 April 2022, 13:00 am – 15:00 pm Korea time (UTC+9)

Time*	11 April 2022, Monday
13:00 am - 13:30 am *(30 minutes)*	**Opening Session** • Opening Statement by Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary, ESCAP • Keynote Speech, H.E. Mr. Simon Kofe, Minister for Justice, Communication and Foreign Affairs, Tuvalu • Congratulatory Remarks by H.E. Ms. Hyoeun Jenny Kim, Ambassador and Deputy Minister for Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea
13:30 am - 14:30 pm *(60 minutes)*	**Panel Discussion: Strengthening National Capacities to Leverage ICTs for Climate Resilient Development** The session will share national strategies and experiences in leveraging ICT for climate resilient development as well as challenges and lessons learned. • Mr. Mohamed Shareef, Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology, Maldives • Ms. Sri Tantri Arundhati, Director of Climate Change Adaption, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia • Ms. Tenanoia Simona, Chief Executive Officer, Tuvalu Telecommunications, Tuvalu • Prof. Tae Yong Jung, Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University, Republic of Korea
14:30 pm - 14:40 pm *(10 minutes)*	Q & A Session
14:40 pm – 14:55 pm *(15 minutes)*	**Presentation: Institutional and Human Capacity Building for "ICT for Climate Resilient Development"** The session will introduce APCICT's Academy Module on ICT for Climate Resilient Development, the objectives and learning outcomes for its target audiences as well as the rationale and methodology behind the module's structure and format.
14:55 pm - 15:00 pm *(5 minutes)*	Closing