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The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the CICA Member States and has the honor to communicate the following.

The People's Republic of Bangladesh will hold a virtual seminar for CICA Member States titled "How ICT can underpin the post-COVID recovery" as part of the World Congress on Information Technology 2021 (WCIT 2021) to be held on 11-14 November 2021. The seminar is conducted under the CICA Plan on Implementation of Confidence Building Measures for 2021.

*Enclosure:  
as stated, on 2 p.*

The Secretariat has the honor to transmit herewith the relevant concept paper and kindly requests the CICA Member States to disseminate information about the seminar among their agencies concerned and invite the relevant experts to join the discussion.

The organizers propose to pre-record the seminar on Monday, 8 November 2021 at time convenient to all participants and broadcast it later during the WCIT 2021.

Tentative programme, agenda, technical modalities for joining the seminar and registration form for participants will be disseminated in due course.

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the CICA Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Nur-Sultan, 3 November 2021



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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и имеет честь информировать о следующем.

В соответствии Планом реализации мер доверия СВМДА на 2021 г., Народная Республика Бангладеш в рамках Всемирного конгресса по информационным технологиям 2021 (ВКИТ 2021), который состоится с 11 по 14 ноября 2021 г., проведет онлайн семинар для государств-членов СВМДА на тему «Роль ИКТ в обеспечении постковидного восстановления».

*Приложение:  
упомянутое,  
на 2 л.*

Секретариат имеет честь препроводить соответствующую концепцию и любезно просит государства-члены СВМДА распространить информацию о семинаре среди заинтересованных ведомств и пригласить профильных экспертов присоединиться к дискуссии.

Организаторы предлагают записать семинар в понедельник, 8 ноября 2021 г. в удобное для всех участников время и затем показать его в ходе ВКИТ 2021.

Предварительная программа, повестка дня, техническое руководство для подключения к семинару и регистрационная форму для участников мероприятия будет направлена дополнительно.

Секретариат пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить государствам-членам СВМДА уверения в своем весьма высоком уважении.

город Нур-Султан, 3 ноября 2021 г.

**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ  
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И  
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Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (АӨСШК) Хатшылығы АӨСШК мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және келесіні хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Бангладеш Халық Республикасы, АӨСШК 2021 жылғы сенім шараларды жүзеге асыру жоспарына сәйкес, 2021 жылғы 11-14 қарашада өтетін «Бүкіләлемдік ақпараттық технологиялар конгресі 2021» аясында «Ақпараттық-коммуникативтік технологиялардың постковидтік қалпына келтіруде атқаратын рөлі» тақырыбында онлайн семинарды ұйымдастыратын болады.

*Қосымша:  
Аталған 2 п.*

Хатшылық семинарға қатысты тиісті тұжырымдамасын жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды және АӨСШК мүше мемлекеттерінен семинар туралы ақпаратты мүдделі мекемелер арасында таратуды және аталмыш талқылауға бейінді мамандардың қатысуын қамтамасыз етуді сұрайды.

Ұйымдастырушылар аталмыш семинарды дүйсенбі, 2021 жылғы 8 қарашада барлық қатысушыларға ыңғайлы уақытта жазып алуды және оны «Бүкіләлемдік ақпараттық технологиялар конгресі 2021» іс-шарасының барысында көрсетуді ұсынады.

Алдын ала бағдарлама, күн тәртібі, семинарға қосылу бойынша техникалық ақпарат және қатысушыларға арналған тіркеу формасы қосымша жолданатын болады.

Хатшылық осы мүмкіндікті пайдалана отырып, АӨСШК мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын тағы да растайды.

Нұр-Сұлтан қаласы, 2021 жылғы 3 қараша

**Concept Paper of**  
Seminar “How ICT can underpin the post-COVID recovery”

**Introduction**

COVID-19 has posed a challenge to all of us: should we only defend and mitigate or should we take it as an opportunity to reflect and overhaul our approach as nations towards economy, society, governance, and prosperity. After about 2 years into the pandemic, some countries have resumed daily life, while some have seen resurging cases and renewed lockdowns. As vaccines are being doled out, a complete return to normal still remains uncertain for many, but what is certain is the fact that the pandemic has fundamentally impacted several industries. Governments are now taking actions to build more resilient, post-pandemic economies where ICTs are playing a starring role.

COVID-19 has expedited trends that were already underway i.e., digitization, remote working, transformation in purchase behavior, education delivery, governance and so on. In industries from healthcare to education to finance to manufacturing, the pandemic has forced companies to use digital technologies to reimagine nearly every facet of their operations. The Covid-19 pandemic pushed health services online. Patients and healthcare providers rapidly adopted telehealth services and remote health monitoring to deal with strained hospital capacity and risk of infection. While the adoption of popular productivity tools was strong and growing prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, teleconferencing tools such as Skype and Zoom were considered mere add-ons by companies. Schools and universities have been updating their infrastructure to incorporate digital alternatives to the classroom for years which led analysts to predict a \$350B market valuation for the edtech industry by 2025. Covid-19’s effects on the manufacturing space are far-reaching. The coronavirus pandemic has exposed how vulnerable the manufacturing and logistics industries are when confronted with a sudden, widespread disruption in human labor. Many such interventions of ICTs are seen across the world during the Covid pandemic.

A Webinar has been proposed for CICA Member States where knowledge sharing on ICT adoption to combat the COVID-induced uncertainty and consequences will take place. The goal is to explore ways to apply the learnings in post-COVID recovery. The participants are expected to focus on how ICT can play catalyzing roles in the post-COVID era and how the Governments must take “whole of the government’ and ‘whole of the society’ approach for ICT to create domino effects within the sector and across the economy and society.

**Subject:** “How ICT can underpin the post-COVID recovery”.

**Date:** Pre-Recorded. (1.5 hour). Recording to be done within 8 November 2021.

**Format:** Virtual (online).

**Host:** Information and Communication Technology Division.

**The CICA Member States' participants:** Government officials.

**Objectives:**

Foster cooperation between member countries to work together in post-COVID recovery, especially in the areas of joint research, projects and technical assistance.

**Items to be discussed:**

- 1) Impact of ICT to build more resilient and more strong economies where digital technology will play a starring role.
- 2) Understand the trends and challenges of post Covid era and how ICT can continue to make improvements;
- 3) Possible ways to take prevention measures using ICT to eradicate and reduce the negative impact of pandemic;
- 4) How ICT based Data-Driven Decisions Empower economic system;
- 5) Assess the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic and how ICT can underpin the post-COVID recovery.

**Expected outcomes:**

The interaction will result in exchange of views and discussion of modern technology-driven approaches and solutions, designed to underpin the post-COVID recovery.

The collaboration of the CICA Member States in the area of using ICTs for the post Covid recovery both regionally and globally.

**Working languages:** English