



**SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION
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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, with the reference to its Note Verbal No IO/161 dated 09 February 2024, has the honour to inform that the CICA-ESCAP side-event dedicated to the role of regional partnerships in leveraging digital innovation for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific region will be held on 24 April 2024 on the margins of the 80th ESCAP Session in Bangkok in hybrid mode.

*Enclosure:
as stated,
on 8 pp.*

The Secretariat kindly invites Member States to attend this side-event both in person (for national delegations to the 80th Commission Session) and online. The Secretariat would like to note that apart from main speakers Member States will have an opportunity to make their brief interventions on the topic of the side-event during the Q&A session.

Corresponding concept paper, announcement, program, registration form and Zoom link are attached herewith.

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

Astana, 12 April 2024



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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и, ссылаясь на свою ноту № IO/161 от 09 февраля 2024 года, имеет честь сообщить, что тематическое мероприятие СВМДА-ЭСКАТО, посвященное роли региональных партнерств в использовании цифровых инноваций в целях устойчивого развития в Азии и Тихоокеанском регионе, состоится 24 апреля 2024 года «на полях» 80-й Сессии ЭСКАТО в Бангкоке в гибридном формате.

Секретариат любезно приглашает государства-члены принять участие в данном сайд-ивенте как физически (для членов страновых делегаций 80-й сессии Комиссии), так и онлайн. Секретариат хотел бы отметить, что помимо основных докладчиков государств-члены будут иметь возможность сделать свои краткие заявления по теме мероприятия в ходе сессии вопросов и ответов.

Соответствующая концепция, а также объявление, программа, регистрационная форма и ссылка на Zoom прилагаются.

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

Астана, 12 апреля 2024 года



**ГОСУДАРСТВАМ-ЧЛЕНАМ
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И
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*Приложение:
упомянутое,
на 8 л.*

Қосымша:
аталған, 8 п.

Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және 2024 жылғы 9 ақпандағы № IO/161 нотасына сілтеме жасай отырып, Азия мен Тынық мұхиты аймағында тұрақты даму мақсатында цифрлық инновацияларды пайдаланудағы өңірлік серіктестіктердің рөліне арналған Азия Кеңесінің және Азия мен Тынық мұхитқа арналған экономикалық және әлеуметтік комиссиясының (Комиссия) тақырыптық іс-шарасы 2024 жылғы 24 сәуірде Бангкок қаласында Комиссияның 80-ші сессиясының аясында гибридті форматта өтетінін хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Хатшылық мүше мемлекеттерді осы іс-шараға жеке (Комиссияның 80-ші сессиясы елдері делегацияларының мүшелері үшін) және онлайн форматта қатысуға шақырады. Хатшылық негізгі баяндамашылардан басқа мүше мемлекеттер сұрақ-жауап сессиясы барысында іс-шара тақырыбы бойынша қысқаша мәлімдемелерін жасай алатынын атап өтеді.

Тиісті тұжырымдама, анонс, бағдарлама, тіркеу нысаны және Zoom-сілтемесі қоса беріледі.

Хатшылық осы мүмкіндікті пайдалана отырып, Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын тағы да растайды.

Астана қаласы, 2024 жылғы 12 сәуір

**АЗИЯДАҒЫ ӨЗАРА ІС-ҚИМЫЛ ЖӘНЕ
СЕНІМ ШАРАЛАРЫ КЕҢЕСІНЕ
МҮШЕ МЕМЛЕКЕТТЕР**



Concept paper

CICA - ESCAP side event on "Leveraging digital innovation for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific – role of regional partnerships"

Bangkok, UNCC, 24 April 2024, 12:45-14:00

Background

With diverse countries ranging from developed to developing, Asia and the Pacific faces both opportunities and challenges in sustainable development. In particular, despite the great progress in deepening regional connectivity through information and communication technologies, the region is still the most digitally divided one in the world. Millions of people are shut out from transformative digital opportunities in education, health and financial services.

At the same time, digital innovations are pivotal for building resilience, deepening connectivity, as well as for regional sustainable development. Leveraging digital technologies holds promise for economic growth, social well-being, and environmental conservation. Digital solutions, big data, sustainable digitalization, and green technologies, can catalyze progress for healthcare, education, agriculture, sustainability, environmental and financial inclusion, most importantly aligning with Sustainable Development Goals.

CICA plays a vital role in Asia in advancing SDGs through cooperation, workshops, and partnerships guided by its Catalogue of confidence building measures. Recognizing regional collaboration's essence, CICA engages with international organizations and development partners to promote best practices.

ESCAP promotes inclusive, resilient and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific by generating action-oriented knowledge, and by providing technical

assistance and capacity-building services in support of national development objectives, regional agreements and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including in close cooperation with other United Nations entities and intergovernmental organizations in the region.

The event could also deepen the policy dialogue among policy-decision-makers and key stakeholders on the key findings and policy recommendations of the Commission's 2024 theme study: "Leveraging digital innovation for sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region" and the follow-up Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Digital Inclusion and Transformation, to be hosted by the Government of Kazakhstan in Astana¹, in September/October 2024.

Recognizing the importance of regional partnerships, it is reasonable to explore the potential of CICA and ESCAP collaboration for the benefit of sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific. The proposed side-event could be the first step in this direction.

Objectives

Objective 1: Highlight sustainable digital innovations in accordance with the CICA Catalogue of Confidence building measures and ESCAP Programme of Work.

Objective 2: Promote cross-border collaboration on digital innovations to address SDGs and climate risks.

Objective 3: Promoting digital inclusion across the region.

Objective 4: Share information on CICA and ESCAP regional profiles.

¹ Members and associate member States at the 79th session of the ESCAP Commission in May 2023 decided to convene a ministerial conference on digital inclusion and transformation to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and regional technology initiatives by adopting resolution 79/10 titled "Promoting digital cooperation and inclusion through the Action Plan for Implementing the APIS Initiative, 2022–2026."

Date and Time

Wednesday, 24 April 2024 (as a side event of the 80th ESCAP Session)

12:45-14:00

Venue

CR-3, Level 1, United Nations Conference Center, Bangkok, Thailand.

Format of the event

In person and online, to be broadcast via Zoom

Working languages and interpretation

English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation.

Organizers of the Side Event

ESCAP secretariat and CICA Secretariat

- ESCAP secretariat: SONCA with IDD support
- CICA Secretariat

Target audience

Experts from the relevant ministries and agencies, academia from CICA and ESCAP countries, UN representatives, delegates of the 80th ESCAP Session, Bangkok's diplomatic corps

Proposed Agenda

Welcoming remarks/keynote speakers:

H.E. Mr. Kairat Sarybay, CICA Secretary General,

Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and ESCAP Executive Secretary,

High-level representative of the CICA Kazakhstan Chairmanship.

Senior official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand.

Speakers / Presentations: experts from ESCAP and CICA Secretariats, Regional Director for Asia-Pacific, UNDCO, representatives from Thailand (digital economy and society, sustainable development), Republic of Korea and Bangladesh (Information Technologies, Natural disaster management), members of CICA Think Tank Forum, officials from the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic to share their experience on the successful deployment of Central Asia Drought Information System in Kyrgyzstan.

Open Discussions: national interventions, Q&A

Expected Outcomes

Fostering a deeper understanding of sustainable digital innovations and their relevance to addressing pressing regional challenges, as well as promoting increased regional collaboration and partnerships in harnessing digital solutions for environmental and developmental issues, ultimately advancing sustainable development goals in Asia and the Pacific, synergy between CICA and ESCAP.

Outcomes and deliberations of the side-event could be included in a final report.

Contact Information

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Programme
CICA - ESCAP SIDE EVENT
on leveraging digital innovation for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific – role of regional partnerships

UNCC (CR-3), Bangkok, 24 April 2024, 12:45 – 14:00 (GMT+7)

In person and online

Opening Session	
12:45-13:05	<p>Welcoming remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Kairat Sarybay, CICA Secretary General• Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and ESCAP Executive Secretary• H.E. Mr. Arman Issetov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Kingdom of Thailand (TBC)• H.E. Ms. Busadee Santipitaks, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand (TBC)
Presentations	
13:05-13:45	<p><i>(Each speaker will be provided 4 minutes)</i></p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Kairat Sarybay, CICA Secretary General</p> <p>Indicative speakers' list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Ugur Turan, Expert on Environmental dimension, CICA Secretariat• Mr. Nikolai Pomoshchnikov, Head of the ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia (SONCA) (TBC)• Ms. Kasama Kongsamak, Executive Vice President of Digital Economy Promotion Agency (DEPA) under the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (TBC)• Mr. AHM Jamery Hasan, Director, Executive Cell & PEPZ, Prime Minister's Office, Bangladesh

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. LU Chuanying, Secretary General of the Cyberspace International Governance Research Center and Deputy Director of the Institute for Public Policy and Innovation Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS, CICA Think Tank Forum Chair) – online • Dr. YE Yu, Deputy Director of the Institute for World Economy Studies, SIIS – online • Assistant Professor Dr. Jirayudh Sinthuphan, Deputy Director of Institute of Asian Studies of Chulalongkorn University, Thailand's CICA TTF (TBC) • Mr. Daurbek Sakyev – Director, Department for emergency situations monitoring and forecasting, Ministry of Emergency Situations, Kyrgyzstan – online • Representative of the Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry, Kazakhstan (TBC) • Mr. David McLachlan-Karr, UN DCO Regional Director for Asia-Pacific (TBC)
<p>Q&A, national interventions (up to 15 minutes)</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Kairat Sarybay, CICA Secretary General 	
<p>Closing Remarks</p>	
<p>Key take-outs by representatives of CICA and ESCAP Secretariats</p>	

Zoom link for online participants:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81740035851?pwd=aYamV00Wrgx9uRYY8egdXbVKlp43a2.1>

Meeting ID: 817 4003 5851

Passcode: 805565

Join by SIP 81740035851@zoomcrc.com

CICA - ESCAP SIDE EVENT

ON LEVERAGING DIGITAL INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - ROLE OF REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Recognizing the importance of regional partnerships, CICA and ESCAP will explore the potential of collaboration for the benefit of sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific with focus on innovative Digital, Information and Communications technologies. The event will contribute to a deeper dialogue among policy-decision-makers and key stakeholders on the key findings and policy recommendations of the Commission's 2024 theme study: "Leveraging digital innovation for sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region". With participation of CICA Secretary General, ESCAP Executive Secretary the event is set to target experts from the relevant ministries and agencies, academia from CICA and ESCAP countries, UN representatives, delegates of the 80th ESCAP Session, Bangkok's diplomatic corps.

**Wednesday,
24 April 2024
(as a side event of the 80th ESCAP Session)
12:45-14:00**

**CR-3, Level 1,
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Bangkok, Thailand
In person and online**

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REGISTRATION FORM

CICA - ESCAP SIDE EVENT

**on Leveraging digital innovation for sustainable development in Asia
and the Pacific - role of regional partnerships**

UNCC (CR-3), Bangkok, 24 April 2024, 12:45 – 14:00 (GMT+7)

In person and online

Member State:	
Prefix (Mr./Mrs./Ms.):	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Title/Position (incl. organization):	
Phone number:	
E-mail:	
Participation: In person or online	

Kindly **type in** your information and return this registration form
by 19 April 2024

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