

Capacity Development Webinar on “Accelerating Digital Transformation for Sustainable and Resilient Recovery from COVID-19”



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**Major efforts by ESCAP to facilitate
digital government cooperation in the
region and beyond**

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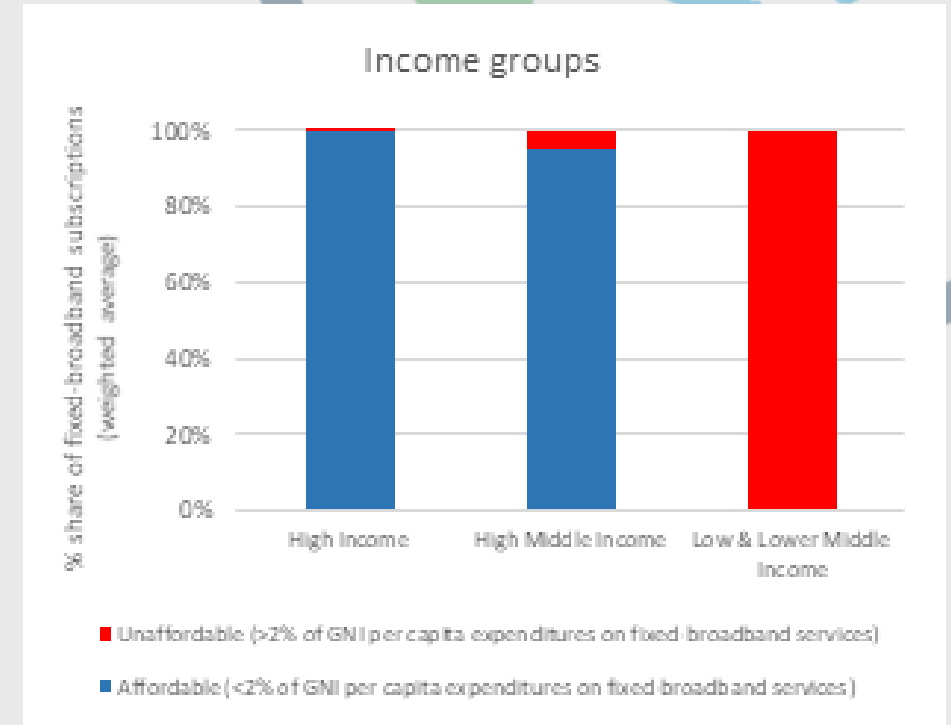
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Importance of digital connectivity

- *Digital inclusion and resilient digital networks across Asia and the Pacific have become the foundation for the design of government measures and effective delivery of government services*
- *It's crucial for stemming worst impacts of the pandemic on those disproportionately affected – the poor - .*
- *Digital divide is growing. Giving rise to new divides*
- *Threatens to become the new face of inequality*
- ***Need to accelerate digital transformation – big investment push by governments***





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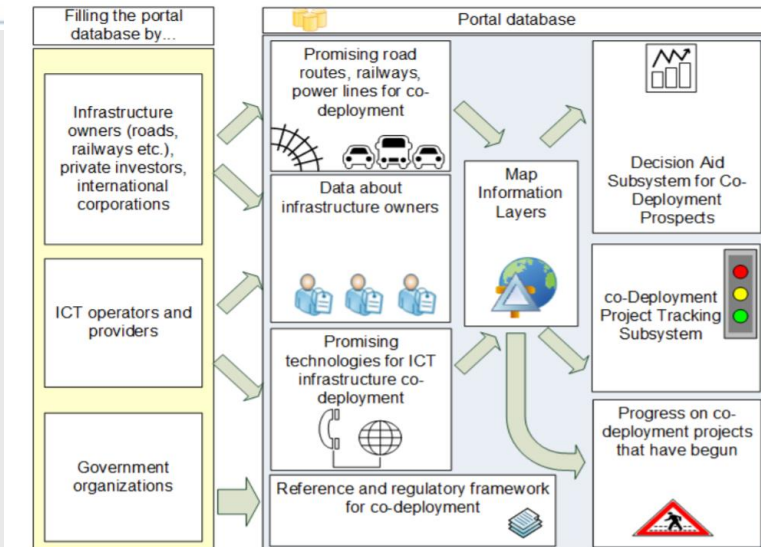
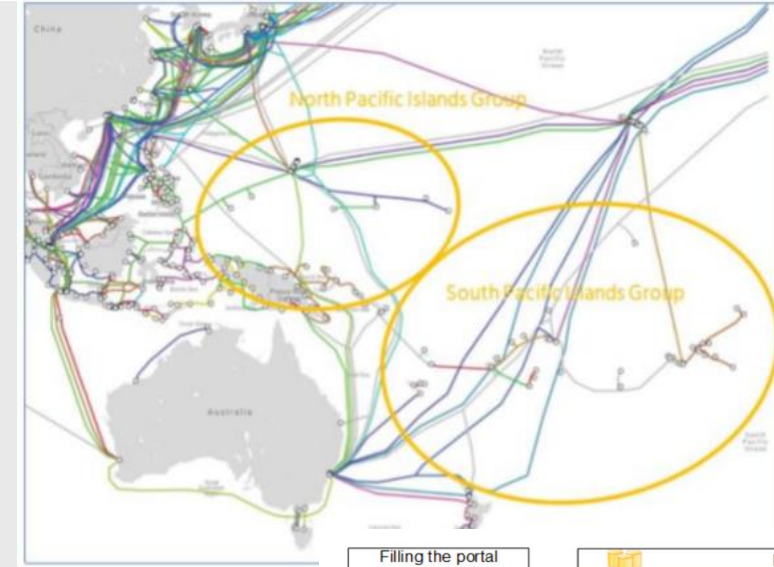


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Our work

- *The Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway initiative, increases the availability and affordability of broadband Internet across Asia and the Pacific, by strengthening the underlying Internet infrastructure in the region [1].*
- *Establishment of a shared, carrier-neutral Pacific subregional internet exchange point (IXP)*
- *Developing the operational principles and modalities [2].*
- *Studying establishment of a shared IXP for ASEAN-CLMV*
- *Advocating for co-deployment of fibreoptic infrastructure with roads, railways and energy grids in 3 pilot countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia) [3]*



[1] <https://www.unescap.org/our-work/ict-disaster-risk-reduction/asia-pacific-information-superhighway/about>

[2] <https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/A%20Study%20on%20the%20Costing%2C%20Operational%20Principles%20and%20Modalities%20of%20a%20Proposed%20South%20Pacific%20Internet%20Exchange.pdf>

[3] <https://sdgs.un.org/un-system-sdg-implementation/economic-and-social-commission-asia-and-pacific-escap-24510>