

## Expert Group Meeting on Enhancing Capacity to Promote E-Government for Women's Empowerment in Asia and the Pacific

4-5 October 2016

United Nations Conference Centre (Meeting Room F), Bangkok

### TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

**Tuesday, 4 October 2016 (Day 1)**

#### Session 1: Setting the Scene

##### *Expected Outcomes:*

- ✓ Understanding of context and objectives of workshop and role of participants
- ✓ Enhanced understanding of issues surrounding e-government for women's empowerment and of findings of ESCAP research study on e-government and gender equality

08:00-08:30	Registration
08:30-09:00	<b>Opening and Welcome</b>  Opening Statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</li> <li>• Mr. Jae-Hong Lim, Head, United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG)</li> </ul> Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tour de Table</li> </ul> Group photo
09:00 - 10:15	<b>Introducing E-Government for Women's Empowerment</b>  Presentation on EGM on e-government for women's empowerment (10 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP</li> </ul> Presentation on report on e-government for women's empowerment and findings (45 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Anita Gurumurthy, Consultant, Director, IT for Change</li> </ul> Discussion (15 minutes)
10:15-10:45	Coffee break

## **Session 2: Gender, Governance and E-Government**

### ***Expected Outcome:***

- ✓ Experts provide feedback and input on training module 1 on gender, governance and e-government and tracking gender-responsive e-government
- ✓ Knowledge and good practices on institutional mechanisms and initiatives in the area of gender, governance and e-government are shared

10:45-12:00	<b>Gender, Governance and e-Government</b>  Open exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group exercise (25 minutes)</li></ul> Presentation on training modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Anita Gurumurthy, Consultant, Director, IT for Change (30 minutes)</li></ul> Discussion (20 minutes)
12:10-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>

## **Session 3: Gender-Responsive E-Government**

### ***Expected Outcome:***

- ✓ Knowledge and good practices are shared on gender-responsive strategies and practices in e-services, e-participation and promoting connectivity

13:30-15:00	<b>Panel Discussion on “Gender-Responsive E-Government - Insights and Future Directions”</b>  The panel discussion is intended to generate an interactive dialogue among participants on gender-responsive e-government. It aims to share experiences of good practices and initiatives, as well as challenges in introducing a gender dimension to e-government. The discussion will address the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ What have been main obstacles in making e-government gender-responsive, in particular with regards to e-government policy development and mainstreaming gender in the institutional processes of e-government policy-making?</li><li>➤ How can the government e-services be designed and implemented to be more gender-responsive?</li><li>➤ How can ICTs promote women’s engagement in governance and governance mechanisms through, e.g. e-information, e-consultation and e-decision-making?</li><li>➤ How can women’s access to connectivity be shaped differently from men?</li></ul> <b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Anita Gurumurthy, Consultant, IT for Change, India  <b>Panelists:</b> Mr. Asomudin Atoev, ICT Policy Consultant, Public Fund Civil Internet Policy Initiative, Government of Tajikistan Ms. Aziza Umarova, Advisor on Public Sector Innovation, UNDP Global Center for Public Service Excellence, Singapore
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	<p>Ms. Joanne Lee Kunatuba, Human Development Officer (Gender Equality), Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), Fiji</p> <p>Ms. Luna Shamsuddoha, Chairman &amp; President, Dohatec New Media, Bangladesh Women in Technology (BWIT), Bangladesh</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <p>Mr. Dhanaraj Thakur, Research Manager, Alliance for Affordable Internet/ Web Foundation, USA</p> <p>Ms. Kasititorn Pooparadai, ICT Policy Researcher, The National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC), Government of Thailand</p> <p>Mr. Mysore Rama Anand, Senior (Economic) Adviser, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India</p> <p>Mr. Susanta Kumar Saha, Additional Secretary, Information and Communication Technology Division, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and IT, Government of Bangladesh</p>
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>15:30-16:15</b>	<p><b>APCICT Activities on WIFI</b></p> <p>Presentation on “Women and ICT Frontier Initiative (WIFI)”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of WIFI Mr. Robert de Jesus, Programme Officer, Asia-Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT) (10 minutes)</li> <li>• WIFI Policy Module Ms. Usha Reddy, Consultant, Asia-Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT) (20 minutes)</li> </ul> <p>Group discussion Q&amp;A (15 minutes)</p>

### Wednesday, 5 October 2016 (Day 2)

<b>09:00-10:15</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony of Fifth Session of ESCAP Committee on ICT</b> UN Conference Centre, Conference Room 3
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

### Session 4: Addressing the Rights of Women through ICTs

#### *Expected Outcome:*

- ✓ Knowledge and experience are shared on design, approach and strategies governments can use to address women’s rights through ICTs.

<b>10:30-12:00</b>	<p><b>Panel Discussion on “How Can Governments use ICTs to Address Women's Rights, Particularly of Vulnerable Women?”</b></p> <p>The panel discussion is intended to generate an interactive dialogue among participants on ICT and the needs and rights of women, particularly vulnerable women. It will address:</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Existing government and non-government initiatives and how they respond to the needs and rights of different groups of women.</li> <li>➤ How can governments use ICTs to support these rights and needs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Mayette Macapagal, Kahublagan sang Panimalay, Foundation Inc., Philippines</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>  Ms. Aurora Rubio, Head, ITU Area Office for South East Asia, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Indonesia  Ms. Myonghee Kim, Executive Director, Asia Pacific Women's Information Network Center (APWINC), Sookmyung Women's University, Republic of Korea  Ms. Pei Yinn (Serene) Lim, Coordinator APC IMPACT Project; Persatuan Kesedaran Komuniti Selangor (EMPOWER), Malaysia  Ms. Trimita Chakma, Research and Communications Officer, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), Thailand</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b>  Ms. Kamolrat Intarata, Director of CCDKM, Thailand  Mr. Sameera Jayawardena, Program Manager, Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA), Government of Sri Lanka</p>
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

### **Session 5: Review of Training Modules on Gender-Responsive E-Government**

#### *Expected Outcome:*

- ✓ Experts provide feedback and input on training modules
- ✓ Design and functionality of online modalities are discussed with a view to enhancing outreach and impact
- ✓ Next steps discussed on roll-out of training

13:00-13:15	Presentation on e-learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Bryce Hartley, Consultant, Social Development Division, ESCAP (10 minutes)</li> </ul> Q&A (5 minutes)
13:15-15:15	<p><b>Group Work</b></p> <p>Group a) module 1 and 5 on gender, governance, e-government and tracking e-government for women's empowerment  Chair: Ms. Aziza Umarova</p> <p>Group b) module 2 on e-services  Chair: Mr. Asomudin Atoev</p> <p>Group c) module 3 on e-participation  Chair: Mr. Dhanaraj Thakur</p>

	Group d) module 4 on connectivity and women's empowerment Chair: Ms. Aurora Rubio
<b>15:15-15:30</b>	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
15:30-16:45	<b>Group Presentations</b> (60 minutes)  Discussion (15 minutes)

### **Session 6: Closing**

16:45-17:00	End-of-workshop evaluation questionnaire  Closing
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