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The future of cooperation partnerships between developed and developing countries

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Technology and us

Previous industrial revolutions liberated mankind from animal power

- Technology is reshaping the world
  - Artificial and Natural intelligence is merging
- Let us appreciate breakthroughs and scientific discovery
  - It will be impacting all disciplines, economies and industries
  - This will even be challenging ideas about what it means to be human

Ideas for life

- Countries connected by sea or land
  - Technology made all like a village
    - Look at Facebook
  - Still each country has its own currency
    - The blockchain technology maintains the Bitcoin transaction ledger
      - This is the bigest bank in the world
  - So, we should be connected to each other

Ideas for life

- 1 day a mobile phone will emit oxygen and not radiation, more changes in next 30 years

- Business operations will link with mathematical functions

- Artificial intelligence, 3D printing, efficient sustainable production and robotics will make, manage and mend products and services

- Korea developed a lot in ICT

- We need your support from hard-core Engineering point of view for 4IR, role of UN organization (UNPOG, UNDP, …)
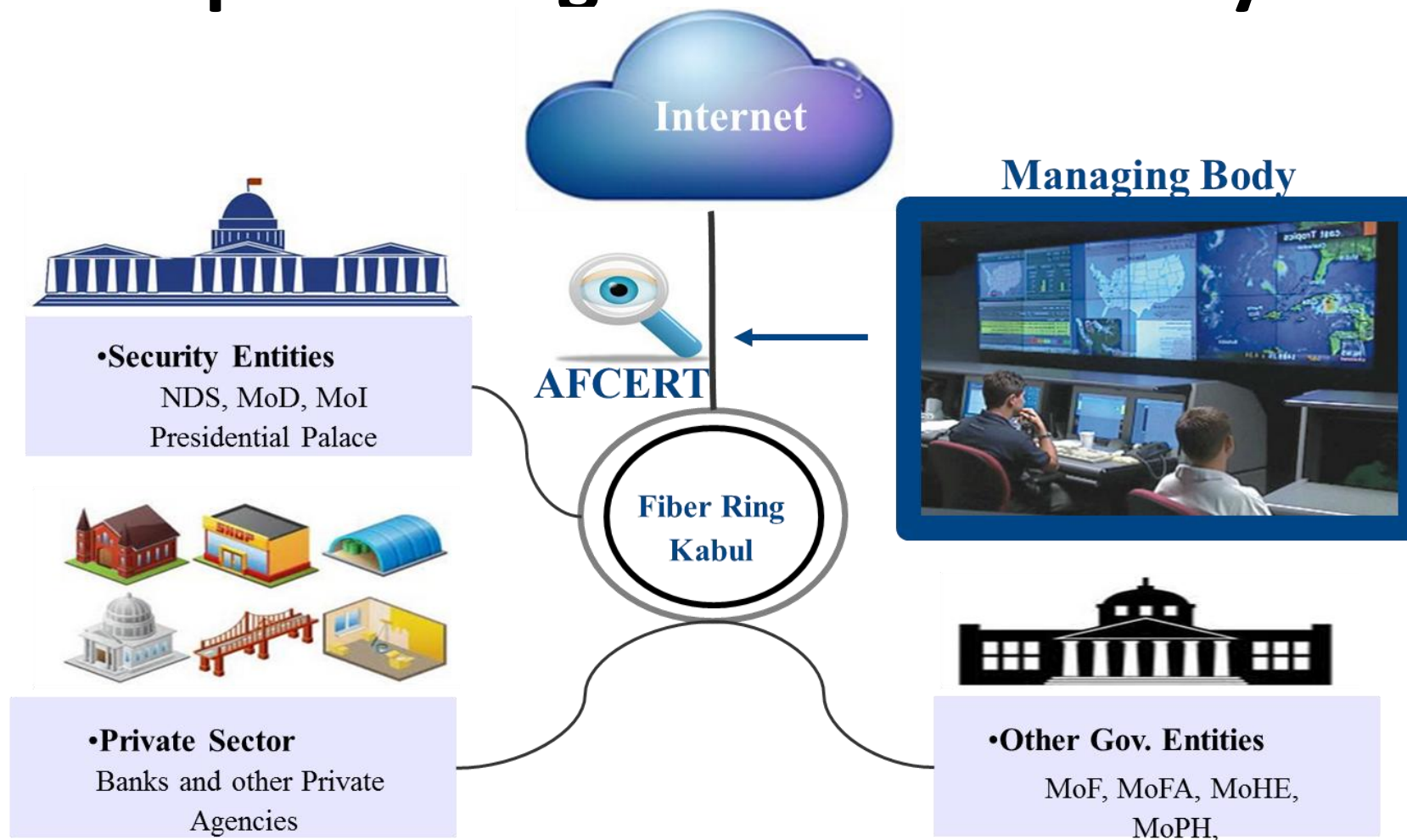
Current status

- Afghanistan will face these issues much slower
- But we developed a lot in last 15 years
- We link via best fiber optic service and wireless communication
- Silk road project connects (China, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan) 4700 KM
- Digital CASA project is reshaping lives of our people
- Our talents are all set to meet global demands and expectations
- Regional connectivity (Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Iran, Pakistan)

Current status
apart to regional connectivity

Security and Good Governance	Agriculture and Rural Development	Health, Education, Environment and Social Protection	Economic Growth and Infrastructure
Working Group 1	Working Group 2	Working Group 3	Working Group 4

Nationalization
Mar 2016 - May 2017

Alignment
July – Dec 2017

Implementation
Jan 2018 - 2030

Current status
apart to regional connectivity

Current status

- 92% of country is covered by wireless telecommunication
- 76% of country is covered by fiber optics for 4G communication
- Planning to have a new satellite with 24 transponders
- 60%+ government employees are now computer literate
- Cost of internet average is lower than 12USD
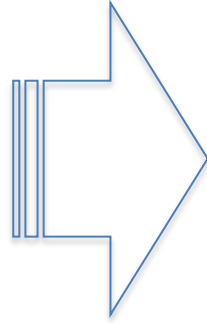- All set to become a regional IT hub by 2022

AFGHANISTAN

Legend:

- **Operational** (green)
- **World Bank Funded - ICT Sector Development Project (Opertional)** (cyan)
- **On going WB Funded Project** (blue)
- **Futuristic Plan (F)** (red)
- ● 09 Provinces which are not connected
- ★ National capital
- ✈ Major airport

Scale 1:6,900,000

Boundary representation is

The ICT sector development

Very little infrastructure and almost no service	→	$ 3 Billion Private investment	25 Million Subscribers
		$ 300 Million in gov revenue	92 % coverage
		180000 jobs	90 % Telephone penetration

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The robotic girls team enabled to win the races.

Developed and Developing Countries

- In First World countries people already enjoyed
  - benefits of a connected world, as well as new products and services
- Need to adequately plan and regulate this new capability
  - to ensure there is appropriate global equitabilities.
  - social tensions due to the socioeconomic changes brought by the Fourth Industrial Revolution
- The job markets segregated into "low-skill / low-pay" and "high-skill / high-pay"

Challenges

- IT's biggest future challenge is security,
- Can negatively impact connectivity of public networks,
- If not solved, government will stay aloof from citizens
- Distrust will grow, people cannot interact with government
- Artificial Intelligence cannot solve it, only skilled people can

Probable Solutions

- We must be proactive in shaping this technology and disruption.
    - requires global cooperation on how technology should reshape our global, economic, social, cultural and individual lives now on.
    - develop leaders with the skills to manage organizations through these dramatic shifts; or else we will be swept completely.
    - Our education and training system need to adapt to better prepare people for the flexibility and critical thinking skills they will need.

Result and conclusion

- Augmented Reality, IoT, Big data, Bio-printing, Quantum Computing, Genetic Engineering, Nanotechnology, Synthetic Biology calling us
- One day technology will vanish food shortages and other problems
- In future there will be vaccine for all cancers and much more
- Let me leave the rest to your imagination

let's be hope for the global partnership for sustainable development

Thanks for your kind attention!

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