



“Leave No One Behind: Harnessing Technology for Post-Pandemic Recovery and Resilience” Session

17 March, 3:30pm to 5:00pm (GMT+8/ Manila Local Time)

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted, more than ever, the importance of the digital technologies. Digital technologies have supported governments to implement social protection schemes at pace, and enabled e-Health and online education, while digital finance and e-commerce have enabled businesses to continue to operate and trade.

However, challenges remain in many countries and communities, to make digital solutions accessible to everyone. Those who have no access to internet, digital skills, digital financing or e-commerce cannot engage in the digital economy.

Therefore, inclusive objectives must be at the heart of digital policies if the promise of “leave no one behind” is to be met.

Objectives of the Session and Benefits

The objectives of this session are to share good experiences and policy priorities for harnessing technologies to ensure that no one is left behind.

For government officials, this session will enable policymakers to review the existing policies and identify a way forward to establish a more conducive environment for utilizing technology to support inclusive digital economies.

For the private sector, this session will help identify solutions to public-private partnership in developing inclusive digital economies.

Agenda

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Time	Activity
Moderator: Carolyn Dedolph-Cabrera, Principal IT Specialist for Digital Adoption and Outreach, ADB	
3:30pm – 3:35pm	Opening Remarks: Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP
3:35pm – 4:50pm	Panel Discussion: • Her Excellency Chea Serey, Director General, National Bank of Cambodia • Lee Chew Tan, Managing Director for ASEAN, Worldwide Public Sector, Amazon Web Services • Naveen Menon, President of Cisco in ASEAN • Sami Farhad, Senior Director, Globalization Office, Alibaba Group
4:50pm – 5:00pm	Wrap Up and Closing