Side Event

“Shaping Sustainable Ageing Through Digital Innovation in Asia-Pacific Countries”

Concept Note

Date and Time: Tuesday, 23 April 2024, 12:45 - 14:15 hours BKK time zone (confirmed)

Organizer: Department of Older Persons, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand

Partners: 1. Australia’s eSafety Commissioner
2. Social Development Division, ESCAP
3. ASK Health Asia, Singapore
4. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Venue: Conference Room 2, Floor 2, United Nations Conference Centre
Rajadamnern Nok Avenue. Bangkok 10200 Thailand
Google Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/CWSX35unZB4QsqNB8

Language of the meeting: The event will be conducted in English only.

Registration: kindly register through both platforms as follows;

Description:

Asia and the Pacific is undergoing a rapid transition towards an increase in the number and share of older persons surpassing other world regions. This accelerated demographic shift leaves the region with limited time to effectively address the challenges and opportunities it presents. The strain on healthcare systems and social services has posed an impact on the overall well-being of older persons as well as the governments striving to achieve Sustainable Development Goals.

Digital innovation has emerged as a crucial tool in enabling societies to navigate the complexities of a growing numbers of older population, shaping and sustaining inclusive societies and accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This side event aims to showcase the approaches employed by countries in the Asia-Pacific region facing population ageing at a fast pace. It provides a platform to share countries' perspectives, priorities, good practices and lessons learned in leveraging digital innovation to address the challenges posed by demographic shifts. The discussion is also followed by exchanging opinions on opportunities and challenges in implementing and accelerating digital innovation that cater to the needs of older persons.
Participants in the side event will have the opportunity to engage in Q&A session, contributing to constructive feedback and interactive discussion to advance Sustainable Development Goals. The anticipated outcome is an increased understanding of the interplay between sustainable development and digital innovation within the context of population ageing, ultimately harnessing regional efforts for a positive impact on achieving SDGs across multiple aspects and disciplines.

Event Outline:

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<td>12.45-12.50</td>
<td>Moderator</td>
<td>Associate Professor Ruttiya Bhula-Or, Ph.D.</td>
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<td>12.50-12.55</td>
<td>Opening Remarks</td>
<td>Ms. Lin Yang</td>
<td>5 mins</td>
<td>Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP</td>
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<td>12.55-13.00</td>
<td>Welcoming Remarks</td>
<td>Ms. Ramrung Worawat</td>
<td>5 mins</td>
<td>Director-General, the Department of Older Persons, Thailand</td>
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<td>13.00-13.05</td>
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<td>13.05-13.15</td>
<td>Speaker 1</td>
<td>Ms. Ramrung Worawat, Director-General, Department of Older Persons (Thailand)</td>
<td>10 mins</td>
<td>Government perspective on sustainable ageing through digital innovation with a focus on ageing policies and implementation</td>
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<td>13.15-13.25</td>
<td>Speaker 2</td>
<td>Mr. Warren de Fonseka, Senior International Development Officer, Australia’s eSafety Commissioner</td>
<td>10 mins</td>
<td>Online safety and digital literacy of older Australians – examples from the eSafety Commissioner</td>
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<td>Speaker 3</td>
<td>Mr. Srinivas Tata, Director of Social Development Division, ESCAP</td>
<td>10 mins</td>
<td>ESCAP perspective on sustainable ageing through digital innovation with a focus on digital inclusion and older persons</td>
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<td>Speaker 4</td>
<td>Dr. Chang Liu, CEO of ASK Health Asia (Singapore)</td>
<td>10 mins</td>
<td>CEO perspective on sustainable ageing through digital innovation with a focus on Health System Transformation and Policy Innovation</td>
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<td>Speaker 5</td>
<td>Mr. Kazuya Suzuki, Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)</td>
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<td>JICA perspective on sustainable ageing through digital innovation with a focus on cooperation and innovative approach</td>
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<td>Discussion and Q &amp; A</td>
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Registration Process

Step 1 Indico Registration

To access the United Nations Conference Centre, the participants are required to register in Indico by 19 April 2024 by following the below instructions.

1) Register your account or create an account in Indico - https://indico.un.org/event/1007591/

2) After logging in, proceed to the link and select to register in Registration for Others (Side events, Exhibition, etc.)

3) Select “Non-ESCAP Meeting participants” and type to add the organization name (if you can’t find it from the drop-down menu), and proceed to complete the rest of the profile.


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