



**Event** : 79th Session of the Commission, Fourth session of the  
Committee on Information and Communications Technology,  
Science, Technology and Innovation (CICTSTI4)

**Date** : 15-19 May 2023

**Speaker** : Secretary Ivan John E. Uy

## STATEMENT

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- Excellencies,
- Distinguished delegates,
- I am honored, as the Chair of the Fourth session of the Committee on Information and Communications Technology, Science, Technology and Innovation, to report on the key outcomes of the Committee, which was held in the United Nations Conference Center (UNCC), Bangkok from 29 August to 1 September 2022.
- The digital development paradigm is transforming societies and economies at an unprecedented scale. These include tackling the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as other natural disasters which are occurring with increased frequency and severity, bringing compounding impacts across the Asia-Pacific region.
- In response, and in alignment with Commission Resolution 78/1, the Committee made a number of key recommendations and decisions.



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- First, the Committee recommended that the Commission welcome the endorsement by the Committee of the Action Plan for Implementing the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway Initiative, 2022–2026. In this regard, the Committee decided to contribute, through sharing of national experiences and best practices, to the implementation of the Action Plan.
- Second, the Committee decided to work towards harnessing the potential of digital technology applications as an important means for accelerating the implementation of the SDGs.
- Third, the Committee decided to work on strengthening resilient digital connectivity infrastructure as an essential condition for bridging the digital divide and to strengthen cooperation efforts on the sharing of experiences related to more effective data management and use.
- Fourth, the Committee recommended that the secretariat, through APCICT, strengthen its capacity building support to Governments on using digital technologies for sustainable development.
- Fifth, the Committee decided to support the efforts of the secretariat through APCTT to strengthen the capacity of members and associate members to accelerate the voluntary transfer, on mutually agreed terms, adoption and diffusion of these technologies in the region.



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- These resolutions will pave the way for us to seize the opportunities that new technologies offer, as we build transformative and resilient communities — accelerating progress and innovation in our countries. Let us work together to deliver our priorities, while strengthening our effective collaborations, region to region, nation to nation.
- Thank you, everyone.