

Keynote Speech

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Your Excellences,

Dear colleagues,

Secretary leadership of the ESCAP,

Thank you very much to the host country and the UN team for hosting us here for this important gathering.

Covid-19 pandemic showed that in emergency situation it is very important to rely on the foundation that we built. In the days when we need to be apart, not to be connected to keep a distance the Information Communication Technologies (ICT) was one of the foundation, that was made few decades ago, the internet – which brough people closer to each other. And the topic which we are trying to discuss here, today, about the Information Technologies Superhighways. It's another example of the importance of doing the right decisions. If we failed in a past of building of this infrastructure, in a situation like Covid-19 pandemic, it is very hard to imagine how we will survive being at the distance, having not developed connectivity. But the importance of being identify the momentum to make the right decision is crucial, especially nowadays. It is the most important direction, which is showing how the humanity can develop and proving what is the technology for the good. There is a lot of manipulation around the importance of the technologies, even in our days we can see different technologies, even different devices, which we can harm but can also bring benefit. Together we can consider this as a philosophical question, but the technology for the good should be in our vector and target. The technologies which is serving for the humanity, which should be very human centric. And we want to express our interest and thank again all the member-states for support this initiative and this gathering. Sending the compliments to the partners in Korea for supporting next gatherings. And again remind the importance of developing the curriculum and giving the access to education in a parallel to the quality of the infrastructure. This is the important foundation, where we can develop the educational curriculums, creating the social lift for the people to get an access to the educational, knowledge and upgrade their skills and change their life. But for the innovation, it is very important in parallel

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to the educational capacity building and in a parallel to the developing the space for the science, to create the environment where this two dots can be connected. And here we can see the importance of the freedom of the flow of the information, which is crucial. And the regulation which together we are bringing to the countries in our regions is crucial for the next development of our humankind. So, one open the question «Are we satisfied what we are doing? », «Pretty sure, Not». «Do we have the space for more development?», «Pretty sure, Yes». So I would like to thank all the people gathered here, bringing their time and energy to find a better solution for our humankind and four our nations. Wish you best luck in achieving this targets!

Thank you very much!