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Information and communication technology (ICT) is expected to play a leading role in diversifying the economy of the world. Covid 19 had great impact in development of Digital technologies and services and showed us the importance of digitalization. While everything had stopped digital services worked, digital solutions managed the processes. In Azerbaijan we also felt the positive and negative sides of Covid 19 and tried to manage the situations by using digital technologies.

Of course that is the policy of Azerbaijan to reduce its reliance on hydrocarbons, current goals of the Government of Azerbaijan. The national development plan, Azerbaijan 2020, envisions creating a high-income economy and ICT is viewed as essential to the plan, given its cross-cutting scope of economic diversification and transitioning the nation to a knowledge society.

Azerbaijan progressed in facilitating public access to government services through the ASAN service. To continue this mission, SAPSSI intends to intensify work related to (i) establishing an e-Government Academy; (ii) establishing an e-Government Research Center; (iii) capacity building and knowledge sharing on e-Government; and iv) development e-Government infrastructure. Thanks to the active integration period of transition from “Reactive services” to “Proactive services”, digital society is formed to allow nil use of paper carriers.