



Fourth Session
**Committee on Information and Communications Technology,
Science, Technology and Innovation**

Agenda Item 3

Action Plan 2022-2026 of the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway

Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS)



The Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway initiated through Resolution 75/7

Objective: To bridge the digital divide and accelerate digital transformation, by promoting connectivity, digital technology and applications, and data use.

Vision: Connecting everything for everyone everywhere.

Roles: Accelerator for SDG implementations

Coordinator of regional initiatives for ESCAP and partners' activities and programmes

Development of the AP-IS Action Plan 2022-2026

1. CICTSTI-3 in 2020 requested the secretariat to **set up a drafting group as part of the AP-IS Steering Committee to develop an action plan** for the next phase of implementation of the Master Plan for the AP-IS, for 2022–2026, for consideration and adoption by the Committee at its fourth session, to be held in 2022 (ESCAP/CICTSTI/20202/7).
2. The Drafting Group under **the Chairmanship of the Maldives** (supported by Tonga and Mongolia as Vice-Chairs) met in May and completed its work in September 2021.

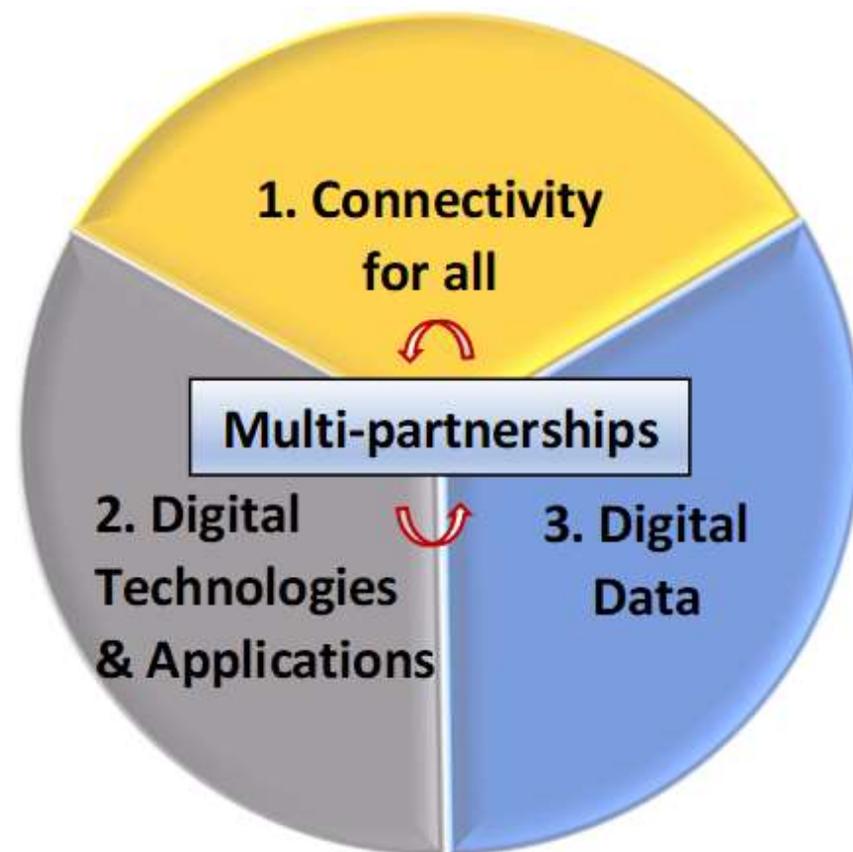
Development of the AP-IS Action Plan 2022-2026



3. In November 2021, the fifth session of the AP-IS Steering Committee (Cambodia as Chair, Bhutan, Samoa, Timor-Leste and Philippines as Vice-Chairs):
 - i. adopted the AP-IS action plan 2022-2026;
 - ii. adopted a revised TOR for establishing three working groups
 - iii. agreed to submit the action plan to the Committee on ICTSTI-4 for its review and endorsement.

AP-IS Action Plan 2022-2026

Three pillars and 25 actions:



Summary of AP-IS Action Plan 2022-2026

1. **25 ground-based practical actions** for digital transformation.
2. **Leadership and ownership by member States**
 - through operation of three working groups
3. **Supports subregional agendas**
 - ASEAN Master Plan for Connectivity 2025; Pacific ICT Strategic Action Plan; and CAREC Digital Strategy 2030.
4. **Supports global agendas and SG initiatives**
 - UN Secretary General's Our Common Agenda: Digital Cooperation
 - Action Lines of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).
 - SDG targets and indicators.

Composition of the AP-IS Steering Committee Bureau (3 years)

Steering Committee Chair	Maldives		
Steering Committee Vice Chairs	Mongolia and Samoa		
Working Groups	Working Group 1 (Connectivity for All)	Working Group 2 (Digital Technologies and Applications)	Working Group 3 (Digital Data)
Working Groups Chairs	Armenia United States of America	India	Republic of Korea
Working Groups Vice Chair	Kazakhstan Maldives Sri Lanka	Armenia China Russian Federation	Armenia Sri Lanka

Matters for consideration by the Committee

- **Endorse the AP-IS action plan 2022-2026** for the implementation;
- Request **the ESCAP secretariat to support members and associate members** in their efforts to implement the action plan, through analytical research, capacity-building programmes, advisory service, intergovernmental policy dialogues, facilitation of knowledge and information; operation of the AP-IS three working groups; and AP-IS Steering Committee meetings;
- Submit the action plan as an input to the **Asia Pacific Digital Ministerial Conference 2022** in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on 9-10 November 2022;
- Submit the action plan **to the ESCAP Commission in May 2023** with a draft resolution for implementation.

