

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

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Agenda 3: Action plan for implementing the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway initiative, 2022-2026

U.S.A. - Country statement

- The United States applauds the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway Steering Committee for excellent collaboration preparing the Action Plan.
- We strongly support the vision of connectivity for all. U.S. efforts to promote connectivity for all include capacity building, such as programming under the Digital Connectivity and Cybersecurity Partnership and through engagement in multilateral forums such as the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau.
- As co-chair of Working Group 1, we look forward to exchanging experiences and best practices with ESCAP member states to close the digital divides and help people everywhere and from all walks of life enjoy the benefits of digital connectivity.
- The United States welcomes the opportunity to join Armenia as co-chairs of Working Group 1 on Connectivity for All. We look forward to working with the Bureau and Working Groups 1, 2, and 3.
- We have been grateful to collaborate with colleagues on Working Group 1 and the Secretariat on capacity building programs, including a two-day virtual conference on best practices in Universal Service Fund (USF) administration.
- We encourage active engagement and contributions by stakeholders from various sectors, including international organizations, businesses, non-governmental organizations, academia, and think tanks in the implementation of the action plan.
- Working together, the Asia Pacific – Information Superhighway action plan provides a means to support the world's growing demand for reliable, secure, high-tech connectivity.