



## **COUNTRY STATEMENT**

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**Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is a great honor for me to be here with all of you.

On behalf of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of Cambodia, I would like to express my appreciation to the UN-ESCAP for the Excellent organizing and conducting of this meeting.

Please allow me to brief information about Telecommunications, Information and Communication Technology in Cambodia.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has adopted the Rectangular Strategy Phase IV which emphasizes the priority or preparedness for Digital Economy and the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution. Certain priorities projects have been set, including Digital Infrastructure Development and Establishment of Law, Policy, and Regulatory Framework.

- I. The Government has also adopted various Law and Policy Framework to support the implementation of a digital transformation such as Law on Telecommunications, Telecommunications and ICT Development Policy, ICT Master Plan, Digital Economy and Society Policy Framework (2021-2035), Digital Government Policy (2022-2035), E-Commerce Law, Consumer

Protection Law, Sub-decree on Universal Service Obligation, Sub-decree on Capacity Building on Research and Development, Sub-decree on Digital Signature. In addition, other Laws and Policies have also been drafted and are anticipated to pass through Cabinet and Parliament this year such as Cybercrime Law, Cybersecurity Law, Law on Data Protection, Law on Digital Identification, Sub-decree on Radio Frequency Management, 5G Roadmap, 5G Policy, Frequency Allocation Plan and National Digital Development Policy.

II. In respect to Digital Infrastructure Development, the network and service coverage of Optical Cables in Cambodia have gradually expanded by connecting Phnom Penh to all Districts across the country. Cambodian backbone Fiber Optical Network Infrastructure has been developed by both Public and Private Sectors with a total length of over 45,933 km. More importantly, Submarine Cables have been connected to Malaysia-Cambodia-Thailand (MCT) and Asia-Africa-Europe 1 (AAE-1). In addition, we also have some ongoing projects which are being studied such as Submarine Cable Connecting from Phnom Penh-Sihanouk ville to Hong Kong, the establishment of National Data Center, National Internet Exchange Points/Internet Gateway, and Feasibility Study for Satellite Launching.

III. Mobile Phone, Fixed Phone, Internet, and Facebook Subscriptions in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

In Cambodia have:

- 5 Mobile Phone Operators with 20 million subscribers.
- 6 Fixed Phone Operators with 50,000 subscribers.
- Mobile Internet subscriptions 17.5 million.
- Fixed Internet Subscription 350,000
- Facebook Accounts in Cambodia 12.8 million.

#### IV. Cooperation Activities related to ICT with UN-ESCAP|APC ICT:

So far, the Kingdom of Cambodia under the guideline of Samdach Techno Hun Sen Prime Minister, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications with a strong effort by H.E. Dr. Chea Vandeth Minister, have been joined/cooperated with UN-ESCAP|APC ICT as follows:

1. Training of Trainer (ToT) on Data-Driven Governance.
2. Khmer translation of the training Modules (Academy Modules).
3. Organize Joint Webinar on Data-Driven Governance.
4. Localize Cybersecurity Module and conduct ToT training on Cybersecurity including expert mobility.
5. Capacity Building Webinar on Digital Government and Transformation: Exploring South-South and Triangular cooperation innovations.
6. Development Roadmap to Implement Cambodia's Science, Technology, and Innovation.
7. Developing Digital Transformation Framework and Indicators.
8. Capacity Building Workshop "Understanding the Digital Transformation in Asia and the Pacific".
9. Workshop on ICT for Promotion Inclusive and Disaster Resilient Development.
10. National Launch of Women ICT Frontier Initiative (WIFI).
11. Cooperated with APCICT for promoting ICT for sustainable development (ICTD) to institutions of higher learning.
12. Workshop on the Technology Service for Cambodia under the cooperation mechanism of Drought Monitoring for the Asia-Pacific Regions.
13. Catalyzing Women's Entrepreneurship: Cambodia launch, National Consultation and Training for Policy Makers.

14. United Nation Launches project to boost women's entrepreneurship in Cambodia.
15. Cambodia National Workshop for the Primer Series: on Overview of ICTs and Sustainable Development.
16. Training of Trainers on ICT and Basic Financial Management for Women Entrepreneurs in Cambodia.
17. Report on Readiness Assessment for Cross-Border Paperless Trade.
18. Policy recommendations for supporting women-owned Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises affected by the covid-19 pandemic in Cambodia.
19. Working Group Meeting: enhancing sustainable and inclusive connectivity through Internet Exchange Point and Traffic Management in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam Countries.
20. National Workshop on using ESCAP's online Trade Intelligence and Negotiation Adviser (TINA) for Trade Negotiation in Cambodia.
21. Workshop on Digital Adaptation of MSMEs for Cambodia and Lao PDR, including the Role of Digital Government Transfers and Remittances.
22. Joined Activities with Steering Committee, Bureau and Working Group of Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS).
23. Joined the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for ICT for Development (APC ICT).

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen!

Last but not least, on behalf of Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of Cambodia, I would like to express my appreciation to the UN-ESCAP|APCICT for their effort helping to Asia-Pacific Region for Developing. And I would like to continue to support the UN-ESCAP|APCICT, regional partnership and collaboration between UN-

ESCAP, Member States and other Stakeholders on improving ICT connectivity in the Region. We will work together to further strengthen our cooperation for Prosperity and Sustainable Development in the Region.

Thank you for your kind attention!