

**Outcome Report**  
**Fifth Session of the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway**  
**Steering Committee**  
**25 November 2021, Virtual meeting**

1. The Fifth Session of the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway Committee (AP-IS SC-5) was held on 25 November 2021. The programme of the session is attached at the end of this document (Annex 2).
2. The AP-IS SC-5 was attended by 100 ICT government officials from 29 member States, namely Armenia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Georgia, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkey, Tuvalu, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam. The list of registered participants is attached at the end of this document (Annex 1).
3. The members of the Steering Committee unanimously agreed on the following bureau composition:
  - Chair: H.E. Mr. Meas Po, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Cambodia.
  - Vice-Chairs: (1). Mr. Talatalaga Mata’u Matafeo, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Samoa; (2). Mr. Joao Freitas, President/CEO, Timor-Leste National Communication Authority, Timor-Leste; (3). Mr. Jigme Tenzing, Director, Department of Information Technology and Telecom, Ministry of Information and Communications, Bhutan; (4). Mr. Alvin Navarro, Assistant Secretary for Digital Capability and Transformation, Department of Information and Communications Technology, Philippines.
4. The Secretariat briefed members of the Steering Committee of the progress and plan of key programmes and activities, including the implementation of the First AP-IS Master Plan 2019-2022, the final draft AP-IS Action Plan 2022-2026, and the revised

draft of the Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee for review and adoption in the framework of the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway.

5. The AP-IS Steering Committee discussed and agreed on the following:
  - a) Adopted the AP-IS Action Plan 2022-2026 and submit the adopted document for endorsement of the Committee on Information and Communications Technology, Science, Technology and Innovation, to be held in 2022.
  - b) Requested the Secretariat to organize an informal AP-IS Working Group Bureau meeting, on 15 December 2021, to finalize the Terms of Reference on AP-IS Working Groups of the Steering Committee, including the composition of the AP-IS Working Group Bureau.
  - c) Adopted the revised Terms of Reference regarding the provisional Bureau of the AP-IS Working Groups (WG) at the Informal Session of AP-IS Steering Committee on 15 December 2021. The provisional Bureau of the AP-IS Working Groups is as listed in Table 1.

**Table 1: Provisional Bureau of the AP-IS Working Groups (WG)**

|            | <b>Working Group 1</b><br>(Connectivity for All) | <b>Working Group 2</b><br>(Digital Technologies and Applications) | <b>Working Group 3</b><br>(Digital Data) |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Chair      | Armenia<br>United States of America              | India                                                             | Republic of Korea                        |
| Vice Chair | Kazakhstan<br>Maldives<br>Sri Lanka              | Armenia<br>Russian Federation                                     | Armenia<br>Sri Lanka                     |

- d) Requested the Secretariat to circulate the adopted AP-IS Action Plan 2022-2026, to the AP-IS Steering Committee for information.
- e) Requested the Secretariat to support member States expeditiously, starting from January 2022 in the implementation of the adopted actions through analytical research, regional/national policy dialogues, capacity-building programmes, and the facilitation of information sharing.
- f) Requested the Secretariat to collect information on planned events and activities of member States for the year 2022 and share it with members of the AP-IS Steering Committee.



- g) Requested the Secretariat to support planned events and activities of member States by mobilizing the participation of resource persons.

## **Annex 1**

### **List of Online registered participants (Draft)**

#### **Members**

#### **Armenia**

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Annex 2

**Fifth Session of  
the Asia Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS) Steering Committee**

Virtual meeting

25 November 2021, 13:00-16:00 (Bangkok Time)

**Programme**

| Tuesday 25 November 2021 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 13:00 – 13:15            | <p><b>Session 1: Opening Session</b><br/>Moderator: Mr. Tae Hyung Kim, Chief, ICT and Development Section, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Opening remarks, by Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP</li> <li>b. Election of Bureau and Adoption of agenda</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 13:15- 13:30             | <p><b>Session 2: Progress and plan in implementation of the AP-IS initiative</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Report on progress and plan in implementation of AP-IS by the Secretariat (15 minutes) by the ESCP secretariat<br/>Q&amp;A</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 13:30- 15:50             | <p><b>Session 3: Draft AP-IS action plan 2022-2026 (5<sup>th</sup> Draft)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Highlights on progress of the Drafting Group meeting               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Chair of the Drafting Group: H.E. Mr. Mohamed Shareef, Minister of State, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Brief on draft AP-IS action plan 2022-2026 by the ESCP secretariat               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Draft AP-IS action plan report with matrix of actions</li> <li>✓ Revised Terms of Reference (TOR) of Steering Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Review and endorsement of the AP-IS action plan 2022-2026               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Member States: open discussions</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Consideration for provisional composition on Chair and Vice Chair of three Working Groups by Steering Committee</li> </ol> |
| 15:50-16:00              | <p><b>Session 4: Wrap up and way forward</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Key outcome and way forward by the Secretariat</li> <li>b. Closing remark by the Chair</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |