Statement of the Philippines on the Upcoming Elections to the Governing Council of the United Nations Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT)

Introduction

The Philippines is currently represented in the Governing Council of the APCICT by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT). It is the primary policy, planning, coordinating, implementing and administrative entity of the Executive Branch of the government that will plan, develop, and promote the national ICT development agenda.

The DICT also formulates policies and initiatives that will develop and promote ICT education consistent with national goals and objectives, and responsive to the human resource needs of the different sectors of society, including career advancement opportunities for its ICT workforce, engagement of strategic partnerships between and among local and international ICT, educational and training institutions, and competency certifying bodies, and research and development, to speed up human resource growth and enhance the global competitiveness of the Filipino workforce.

APCICT and DICT engagement

The DICT has been an Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT) Academy Partner since 2008 and a Governing Council member, from 2010 to the present.

As an Academy Partner and a Governing Council member, the Philippines, through DICT, has continuously supported the Centre's objective to build and strengthen the capacity of members and associate members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to leverage ICT, focusing on training, knowledge sharing, and multi-stakeholder dialogue and partnership.

The Philippines wishes to express its continued commitment and support to the APCICT. The DICT wishes to continue its participation in the Governing Council to strengthen human and institutional capacities in the area of digital development, in support of the mission of the APCICT.