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81/4. Astana Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion and Transformation in Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

1. *Welcomes* the initiative of the Government of Kazakhstan to host the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Digital Inclusion and Transformation, which was held in Astana from 3 to 5 September 2024;

2. *Takes note* of the Astana Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion and Transformation in Asia and the Pacific,[1] which was the outcome of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Digital Inclusion and Transformation;

3. *Notes* the process initiated for the further consideration of the proposal of the Government of Kazakhstan for the establishment of an Asia-Pacific digital solutions centre for sustainable development, in Kazakhstan, as a regional institution of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

4. *Also notes* in this regard that, through voluntary funding contributions, an independent feasibility study on the role, structure and financing of the proposed digital solutions centre for sustainable development has been commissioned and that an ad hoc working group open to all members and associate members has been established, with online participation available, to review in a transparent manner the outcome of the independent feasibility study and recommend a road map for strengthening the sharing of practical digital solutions for the Asia-Pacific region.

9th plenary meeting
25 April 2025

[1] ESCAP/MCDIT/5/Add.1.

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