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Strategic Framework for 2012-2013

Objective of the Organization for Subprogramme 5 on information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction:

“To promote applications of information and communications technology and to enhance regional cooperation for improved disaster risk reduction and management, as well as for improved management of the associated socio-economic risks, for inclusive and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific.”

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Expected Accomplishments

- (a) Improved capacity of policymakers to develop policies and strategies for applications of ICT and for effective disaster risk reduction, including relevant gender dimensions, for inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development.
- (b) Increased sharing among policymakers of knowledge on effective strategies and policy options for ICT connectivity and disaster risk reduction, including those related to climate change adaptation.
- (c) Strengthened regional cooperation mechanisms in ICT and disaster risk reduction.
- (d) Improved institutional capacity of ESCAP member States to use information and communications technology for socio-economic development.

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Strategic Framework for 2014-2015

Objective of the Organization for Subprogramme 5 on information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction and management:

“To strengthen ICT connectivity and enhance regional cooperation and capacity for improved disaster risk reduction and management and associated socio-economic risks towards an inclusive and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific”

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Expected Accomplishments

- (a) Improved capacity of member States to measure and analyse progress towards an inclusive and resilient information society
- (b) Strengthened regional cooperation in ICT connectivity for the promotion of inclusive and sustainable development
- (d) Strengthened capacity of member States to apply ICT for inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development policies and programmes

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Programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015

- The draft strategic framework for 2014-2015, as endorsed by the 68th Commission in May 2012, is the basis for developing the draft programme of work for the same biennium.
- The draft programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015 will be submitted to the Commission at its 69th session in April 2013.

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Area of focus: analytical work

- In partnership with ITU, development of a regional map showing the status of fibre-optic backbone infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region and identifying the missing links for cross-border fibre-optic connectivity;
- Analyses of the policy, regulatory and other barriers that impede the formation of a single information space across the region;
- Strengthening the link between the Asia-Pacific region and the decisions taken with the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development;
- Analytical inputs to better define ICT indicators that reflect Asia and Pacific's policy needs;
- Analytical contribution of the Secretariat to the WSIS 2015 outcome review.

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Area of focus: promoting regional practices, norms and policies

- Promotion of a regional cooperation framework on transnational connectivity and a platform to pool regional expertise on the issue of cross-sectoral infrastructure development;
- Dialogue among key stakeholders, including industry, governmental actors, institutions of higher education, research centres and civil society, in order to realize current and near-future ICT innovations that alleviate poverty and build inclusiveness;
- Promotion of public-private partnerships (PPP) as a means of spurring innovation in research and development, capacity-building and ICT deployment;
- Promotion of innovative use of space based information and communication, including Geo-spatial information and satellite broadband communication, for enhancing connectivity and supporting sustainable development.

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Area of focus: capacity building

- Expansion and further adoption of APCICT's ICT for development capacity building programmes for policymakers via an inclusive and participatory approach;
- Strengthening programmes for building ICT for development capacities of students and youth who represent the leadership of tomorrow;
- Strengthening ICT capacity building by addressing information, knowledge and policy gaps in Asia-Pacific;
- Building ICT capacities to reduce the existing digital divide and bring digital opportunities to the poorest and most vulnerable in society.

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