

Tentative Agenda

G-77 Meeting of Experts on ICT and Sustainable Development for South-South Cooperation

1-2 March 2016, Bangkok, Thailand

Day 1: Tuesday, 1 March 2016

Venue: Ballroom, Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel

Time	Issues
8.30-9.00 hrs.	Registration
9.00-9.10 hrs.	Welcoming remarks by Mr. Vitavas Srivihok, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand (TBC)
9.10-9.45 hrs.	Keynote address: Sufficiency Economy landscape: ICT for sustainable development by Prof. Dr. Pairash Thajchayapong, Expert and Senior Advisor to the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Thailand
9.45-10.00 hrs.	Group photo
10.00-10.30 hrs.	Coffee break
10.30-12.00 hrs.	Session 1 Local language: A game changer for equality of ICT access to achieve SDGs An important challenge regarding ICT is to enable access to adequate, reliable, affordable and secure ICT infrastructure and devices. Current penetration statistics demonstrates that approximately only one-third of population from each continent is able to access the Internet. Local language remains one of the critical barriers of access. While advanced technology supporting local languages on the Internet platform is available and ready to be utilised, leadership and political commitment at country level to break through this barrier are still needed. Panelists: 1) Mr. Jia-Rong Low, Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement and Managing Director, ICANN Asia Pacific Hub, Singapore 2) Mr. Tracy Hackshaw, Technical Community Representative, Trinidad and Tobago Multistakeholder Advisory Group (TTMAG) Moderator: Dr. Thaweesak Koanantakool, President of the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Thailand
12.00-13.15 hrs.	Lunch

13.15-14.15 hrs.	<p><u>Session 2 E-Learning: ICT as a catalyst for social development</u></p> <p>ICT have transformed many aspects of our lives and offered unprecedented opportunities and challenges for education. One of the basic requirements for education in the 21st century is to prepare populations for participation in a knowledge-based economy, including the social and cultural perspectives. E-learning is an example of ICT’s contribution to building inclusive knowledge societies.</p> <p>Panelists: 1) Prof. Dr. Pairash Thajchayapong, Expert and Senior Advisor to the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Thailand 2) Dr. Chai Wutiwiwatchai, Intelligence Informatics Research Unit Director, National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC), Thailand</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Wanawit Ahkputra, Deputy Executive Director, Electronic Transactions Development Agency (Public Organization)</p>
14.15-15.15 hrs.	<p><u>Session 3 E-Business: ICT as a tool for economic development</u></p> <p>The WSIS+10 outcome document recognises “the critical importance of expanding the participation of all countries, particularly developing countries, in the digital economy”. An important question, however, is how ICT can concretely enhance a country’s competitive advantage.</p> <p>Trust mark standardisation is an area where ICT has the potential to add value and competitiveness for local products and services, thereby helping developing countries to achieve SDGs in an inclusive manner.</p> <p>Panelists: 1) Mr. Mouhamed Diouf, Director of Support and Production Means, GAINDE 2000, Senegal 2) Mr. Marcelo de Sousa Silva, Technology Project Manager, Innovation Agent and Advisor to the Office of the Secretary of Federal Revenue, Brazil</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Parminder Jeet Singh, Executive Director, IT for Change, India</p>
15.15-15.45 hrs.	Coffee Break
15.45-16.30 hrs.	<p>Conclusion by H.E. Mr. Virachai Plasai, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations, New York</p>
19.00 hrs.	<p>Dinner reception hosted by Electronic Transactions Development Agency (ETDA), Thailand <u>Venue</u> The St. Regis, Bangkok</p>

Day 2: Wednesday, 2 March 2016
Excursion to Thailand Science Park

Participants are invited to join the field trip to Thailand Science Park in Patum Thani Province, 30 minutes north of Bangkok, to learn about the examples of Thailand's application of ICT as a tool for economic and social development.

Established in 2002, Thailand Science Park is home to more than 70 companies, four research institutes, three universities and one medical school. It is also home to the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) with its 3,000 employees and subsidiary institutes such as the National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC), National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (BIOTEC), National Nanotechnology Center (NANOTEC) and National Metal and Materials Technology Center (MTEC).

Time	Agenda
08.30	Departure from Anantara Siam Hotel Bangkok
09.30	Arrival at Bussakorn Room, NECTEC Building, Thailand Science Park
09.35	Welcoming remarks by NSTDA high-level representative
09.45	NSTDA overview presentation by Dr. Chadamas Thuvasethakul, NSTDA Vice President
10.25	Presentation on E-Learning project by NSTDA <i>Synopsis A royal initiative by H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej implemented by the Distance Learning Foundation, the e-Learning project has opened up education opportunities to students from all corners of the country since nearly two decades. Classes at the Klai Kangwon Palace School, Prajuab Kirikhan Province, are broadcast via satellite to the televisions in all households of Thailand. A new platform for utilising ICT as a tool for E-learning in remote areas will also be presented.</i>
11.20	Presentation on Smart Farm and other related projects by NECTEC <i>Synopsis The concept of Smart Farm is to apply ICT to the conventional agriculture sector in order to increase the productivity and quality of agricultural products that will ultimately raise the quality of living of farmers in rural areas. The Smart Farm Flagship concentrates on 4 main agricultural products which are rice, cassava, rubber and sugar cane.</i>
12.25	Group photo
12.30	Departure from Thailand Science Park

12.45	Lunch at ... Restaurant
14.00	Departure from ... Restaurant
15.00	Arrival at Anantara Siam Hotel Bangkok End of official programme
