

PHILIPPINE INTERVENTION

ITEM 3 (E) AND (F)

1. Remarks on APCICT's programmes and activities [session of the Committee of the Whole II on Item 3 (e) and (f), information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction, scheduled from 14:00-17:00 on 25 April 2013] Your Government may consider making remarks on the importance of ICTD capacity building as well as on APCICT's work and our collaborative partnership.

The government of the Philippines, through the Information and Communications Technology Office (ICTO), fully supports APCICT's flagship program "Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders". Through the Academy, policy makers and government leaders are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to fully leverage opportunities presented by ICTs to achieve national development goals.

The ICTO, through the National Computer Institute (NCI), has been an Academy Partner since March 2011. Our partnership is a collaborative arrangement where APCICT and NCI work together to build the capacity of local and national governments and other public institutions to effectively utilize ICT to foster good governance and achieve broad social and economic development.

NCI has actively and effectively delivered the Academy program, by integrating it in its eGovernment Management Program for executives, and forging alliances with the academe and other public and private institutions. Furthermore, NCI has collaborated with APCICT in various ICTD-related capability building projects geared not only for government executives but as well as for the youth through APCICT's Program "Turning Today's Youth to Tomorrow's Leaders". Some of the initiatives include: collaboration in the development of the Case Study Series on ICT Human Capacity Building, Knowledge Sharing Series on gCIOs, development of an M&E framework for the Academy (where NCI was identified as pilot Academy Partner), membership in the APCICT Governing Council, participation in Expert Group Meetings (EGMs) in the development of Academy modules, conduct of various ICT Tech-Talks, both for government ICT professionals and the youth.

We would like to take this opportunity therefore to congratulate the UN-APCICT for its capability building programs in the Asia and the Pacific regions. Rest assured of our continuous support and we look forward to collaborating with you in all your future ICTD capacity building initiatives.

2. Pledge of financial or in-kind contribution: [session of the Committee of the Whole II on Item 4 (c), on technical cooperation activities of ESCAP and announcement of intended contributions, scheduled from 09:00-12:00 on 26 April 2013]Announcement of voluntary contributions for supporting the work of the Centre. The announced contributions can be financial as well as in-kind

The Philippines, through the National Computer Institute (NCI) of the Information and Communications Technology Office (ICTO), will continue to support the various ICT

capability building initiatives of APCICT, especially the two (2) flagship programs: "Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders" and the Primer Series: "Turning Today's Youth into Tomorrow's Leaders". In order to reach more government professionals and the youth, NCI will forge partnerships with other capability building institutions in the regions/provinces, both public and private. Likewise, it will continue to organize ICT capability building events in collaboration with APCICT and other stakeholders. An upcoming back-to-back event is the conduct of the "Sub-regional Training of Trainers on the Primer Series" and the "Empowering the Youth Through ICT" technical talks in June, as part of the Philippines' National ICT Month celebration. Academy Partners in Asia will be participating in these events.