Digital Strategies for Development Summit 2015: *Accelerating Inclusive Development through ICT Innovation"*
A Knowledge Exchange Forum for Asia-Pacific Region and Beyond (DSDS 2015)

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 (DAY 1) *	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	**Registration**
9:00 am - 9:10 am	**Invocation & National Anthem**
9:10 am - 9:20 am	**Welcome Remarks** *Information and Communications Technology Office, Department of Science and Technology, Philippines*
9:20 am - 9:40 am	**Keynote Address** *International Telecommunication Union*
9:40 am - 10:00 am	**Opening Remarks** *Department of Science and Technology, Philippines*
10:00 am - 10:15 am	**Group Photo**
10:15 am - 10:30 am	**Opening of the Exhibit: Ribbon Cutting** *- Startups* *- Solutions Showcase*
10:30 am - 11:00 am	**Networking Coffee Breaks**
11:00 am - 11:30 am	**Forum Overview and Announcements**
11:30 am - 12:45 pm	**Plenary 1:** Innovative ICTs for Youth Employment, SMEs and Entrepreneurship Objective: The Plenary will highlight best practices in using ICTs to promote youth employment, SME growth and entrepreneurship. The Plenary will further explore current trends globally and in the Asia-Pacific region, and will identify strategies that can be adopted among governments, industry and academia to support youth employment and entrepreneurship. Topics to be discussed: • Digital opportunities: ICT solutions for youth employment and entrepreneurship ; • Leveraging on the Youth, the Digital Natives; • Addressing ICT Skills Mismatch; • Promoting a culture of creating jobs, developing innovative ideas, diversifying the local economy, and generating activity and wealth through youth entrepreneurship

	and a vibrant SME sector.
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	**Lunch**
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	**Plenary 2:** ICT Innovation and Partnerships for Sustainable Rural Development Objective: The Plenary will debate on the different aspects, challenges and opportunities in promoting sustainable rural development through innovative ICTs, while coming up with recommendations and plan of action on policy, strategies, partnerships and collaboration. Topics to be discussed: • Innovative Models and Solutions on Reaching the Unserved and Underserved; • Mobilizing Public-Private Partnerships; • Linking ICTs with Agriculture, Education and Healthcare in the Rural Areas; • Innovative ICTs as a cross-cutting enabler for an inclusive and sustainable connected society.
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Networking Coffee Breaks
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	**Plenary 3:** Showcasing Innovative ICT Solutions Objective: The Plenary is aimed at helping policy makers, investors, planners and other stakeholders realize the vision of driving inclusive and sustainable growth in cities and villages using the capacity of ICT for the well-being of rural and urban dwellers. It will also focus on, inter alia: best practices, trends, benefits, challenges and opportunities in the area of m- and e-solutions, applications and services including their adoption. Topics to be discussed: • ICT Solutions for Smart and Eco-friendly Cities and Villages; • ICT Solutions for Persons with Specific Needs, including persons with disabilities; • Innovative ICT Solutions for Education, Health, Agriculture and Governance.
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	**Dinner** (*Venue and arrangements to be confirmed*)

SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 (DAY 2)*

8:30 am - 9:00 am	**Announcements**

Breakout Sessions

Objective:

The Breakout Sessions are aimed at integrating the lessons learned from the Plenaries to five different sectors: 1) Health, 2) Climate Change and Disaster Management, 3) Non-Formal Digital Skills

Development, 4) Agriculture and Food Security, and 5) Citizenship and Governance.

9:00 am -12:00 nn	**Breakout 1: *Youth, Women & Entrepreneurship*** *(Coffee Break at 10:30 am)*				
	Health	Climate Change and Disaster Management	Non-Formal Digital Skills Development	Agriculture and Food Security	Citizenship and Governance
12:00 nn - 1:30 pm	**Lunch**				
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	**Breakout 2: *Partnerships for Rural Development*** *(Coffee Break at 3:00 pm)*				
	Health	Climate Change and Disaster Management	Non-Formal Digital Skills Development	Agriculture and Food Security	Citizenship and Governance
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	**Dinner; Results of Voting & Awards** *(Venue and arrangements to be confirmed)*				

SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 (DAY 3)					
8:30 am - 9:00 am	**Announcements**				
9:00 am - 12:00 nn	**Breakout 3: ICT *Solutions Showcase*** *(Coffee Break at 10:30 am)*				
	Health	Climate Change and Disaster Management	Non-Formal Digital Skills Development	Agriculture and Food Security	Citizenship and Governance
12:00 nn - 1:30 pm	**Lunch**				
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	**Plenary:** Connecting the Dots Objective: This session is designed to ignite the connections established between sectors wherein technology can be used to generate social impact. It also hopes to understand whether these technological innovations can be a cross-cutting solution to the problems being faced in the fields of entrepreneurship, youth & rural development, disaster management, healthcare provisions, education, food security and governance.				

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	**Closing Session**

*Ongoing voting for best solutions showcase exhibited