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DIGITAL STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT **2015**

Accelerating Inclusive Development through ICT Innovation
A Knowledge Exchange Forum for Asia-Pacific Region and Beyond

Three-Day Conference | 22-24 September 2015

Venue | Waterfront Cebu City Hotel, Philippines

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ABOUT THE SUMMIT

In this digital age, Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is reshaping the lives of the people. It has facilitated growth and development and at the same time created opportunities for the different sectors in our society. However, not everyone has the access or the skills for the available digital resources. With this socioeconomic disparity among the people, there is a definite call to accelerate digital inclusion through innovative solutions across all industries – the very purpose of the Summit.

This year's Digital Strategies for Development Summit (DSDS) aims to provide a platform for high level participants from policy makers, regulators telecentre operators and managers and NGOs, content and services developers and providers, public sector, industry, academia and regional/international development partners to foster dynamic and strategic discussions, sharing of information, real experiences and best practices on ICT innovation. DSDS 2015 will also have an exhibit of existing ICT solutions to address emerging challenges in promoting rural development with a special focus on youth, and women and SMEs relative to entrepreneurship and employment.

HIGHLIGHTS



70

International and local ICT professionals and thought leaders



300

Delegates from public sectors, civil society, multilaterals, academe and youth advocates



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Interactive thoughts provoking streams to discover new strategies and exchange ideas

PURPOSE AND BENEFITS



Exchange

create connections and exchange knowledges



Enable

Equip practitioners with the right tools



Excel

Walk away with learning to produce results

STREAMS



**Education
Employment, SME &
Entrepreneurship**



Gender Equality



Agriculture



**Healthcare &
Social Protection**



**Last Mile
Connectivity**

TRACKS



Partnerships



Policy & Skills



**ICT Innovation
Solution Showcase**

TARGET AUDIENCE



**National & Local
Government**



**Academic
Institutions**



Private Sector



**IT Development-
Focused Practitioners**



**NGOs and Civil
Society Sector**



**Technology-Savvy &
Entrepreneurial Youth**



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DAY 1 | 22 September 2015

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration			
9:00 am - 9:10 am	Invocation & National Anthem			
9:10 am - 9:20 am	Welcome Remarks <i>Department of Science and Technology, Philippines</i>			
9:20 am - 9:40 am	Keynote Address <i>International Telecommunication Union</i>			
9:40 am - 10:00 am	Opening Remarks <i>Asian Development Bank, Philippines</i>			
10:00 am - 10:45 am	Group Photo / Networking Break & Opening of Exhibition			
10:45 am - 12:30 pm	<p>Plenary 1: Innovative ICT for Education, Employment, SME and Entrepreneurship</p> <p>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.</p>			
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch			
1:30 pm - 3:15 pm	<p>Breakout 1: Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship</p> <p>Jobless growth and unemployment is a global phenomenon; How can ICT solutions such as digital skills development be leveraged for generating jobs and opportunities? Can it be an enabler to employment and entrepreneurship?</p> <p>This breakout session is designed to integrate the lessons, issues and current trends learned from the previous plenary on Education, Employment, SME's and Entrepreneurship.</p>			
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3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Coffee Break			
3:30 pm - 5:15 pm	<p>Plenary 2: Gender Equality</p> <p>While there is recognition of the potential of ICT as a tool for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, a "gender divide" has been identified. Unless this gender divide is specifically addressed, there is a risk that ICT may exacerbate existing inequalities between women and men and create new forms of digital divide, i.e., "gender divide".</p> <p>This session shall examine ICT as a tool for women's economic empowerment, for enhancing women's participation in the society and for strengthening women's capabilities in various sectors. This shall also address the challenges and benefits women encounter with regard to ICT and explore ways to close the gender-based digital divide.</p>			



DAY 2 | 23 September 2015

8:30 am - 8:45 am	Announcements			
8:45 am – 10:30 am	<p>Plenary 3: ICT Innovation and Partnerships for Sustainable Agricultural Development</p> <p>The Plenary will debate on the different aspects, challenges and opportunities in promoting a sustainable agricultural development through innovative ICTs, while coming up with recommendations and plan of action on policy, strategies, partnerships and collaboration.</p>			
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Coffee Break			
10:45 am - 12:30 pm	<p>Breakout 2: Agriculture</p> <p>The agricultural sector is confronted with the major challenge of increasing production to feed a growing and increasingly prosperous population in a situation of decreasing availability of natural resources. This dilemma requires new approaches and technical innovations in order to cope with the challenges and to enhance the livelihoods of the rural population. Hence, the role of ICT to enhance food security and support rural livelihoods is increasingly recognized.</p> <p>This breakout session is designed to integrate the lessons, issues and current trends learned from the previous plenary on ICT's role in creating sustainable agricultural development from the different sectors.</p>			
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12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch			
1:30 pm – 3:15 pm	<p>Plenary 4: Role of Innovative ICT in Catalyzing Healthcare Development & Social Protection</p> <p>The panel shall divulge into the major constraints faced in using ICTs effectively in the health sector of developing countries. It draws out good practices on using ICTs in the health sector and for social protection, identifies major players and stakeholders, and highlights priority needs and issues of relevance to policymakers. It pays particular attention to how ICTs can best be used to help bridge the information divide that have emerged in the health sector in developing countries—between health professionals and the communities they serve and between the producers of health research and the practitioners who need it.</p>			
3:30 pm - 5:15 pm	<p>Breakout 3: Healthcare and Social Protection</p> <p>ICT innovations offer new and exciting opportunities to empower individuals and groups in relation to their health and social protection, to significantly enhance the quality of the delivery of health care and social protection services, and to address inequalities in people's access to health and social protection, information and services. However, in order to ensure results, the use of these technologies must be managed and directed appropriately and technological tools must be made equitably available.</p> <p>This breakout session is designed to integrate the lessons, issues and current trends learned from the previous plenary on ICT's role in advancing healthcare development from the different sectors.</p>			
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6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Gala Dinner; Voting Results & Awards <i>(Venue & Arrangements to be confirmed)</i>			

*Ongoing voting for best solution showcase exhibited



DAY 3 24 September 2015	
7:30 am - 10:00 am	Site Visit for Registered Participants*
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Announcements
10:30 am - 10:45 am	<p>Plenary 5: Addressing “Last Mile” Connectivity</p> <p>Bringing together global thought leaders representing the perspectives of different groups of stakeholders, this panel will examine practical cases of how accessibility policies and multi-stakeholder cooperation can promote ICT innovation. This panel shall explore new and innovative accessible ICT initiatives while addressing the complex technical challenges and other issues impacting the integration of accessibility into the society. The panel, in particular, shall discuss the link between ICTs and rural poverty reduction by analyzing the role of community telecenters in enhancing the livelihood strategies of rural poor households.</p>
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	<p>Connecting the Dots Plenary</p> <p>This session is designed to ignite the connections established between sectors wherein technology can be used to generate social impact.</p> <p>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.</p>
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Closing Remarks



DSDS 2014 QUICK GLANCE

I am glad I was there. The quality of the people and knowledge was astounding. Great conference!
– Peggy Duvette, Director of Social Impact, NetSuite

Congratulations on turning out such an amazing number and array of speakers and guests at your event!
– Dana R.H. Doan, Consultant and Strategic Advisor, LIN Center for Community Development

The Summit was (also) a great opportunity to meet leaders and innovators in the development sector.
– Gen Renella F. Leaño Information Officer, Civil Service Commission

Speakers are engaging because they were able to explain their expertise in such a way that the audience can follow their line of thought!
– Maria Christina I. Bandojo, Teacher II, Ramon Magsaysay High School (Manila)



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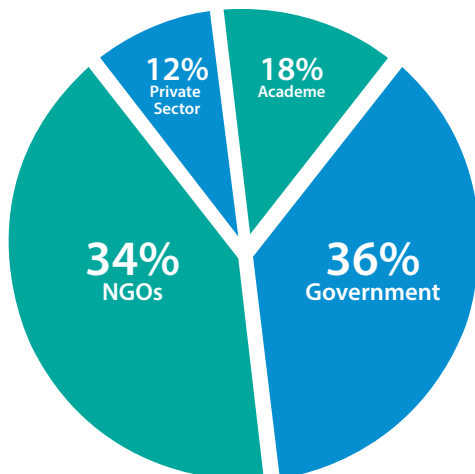
450+
Attendees



55 International and local thought leaders

5 Breakout Sessions

5 Streams



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