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To:
- Administrations of ITU Member States in Asia and the Pacific
- ITU-D Sector Members in Asia and the Pacific
- Academia in Asia and the Pacific
- UN Agencies in Asia and the Pacific
- Partner2Connect Community

**Subject:      Invitation to participate in Partner2Connect National Roundtable Cambodia, from 8 to 9 July 2024, Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Partner2Connect (P2C) National Roundtable Cambodia that will be held from 8 to 9 July 2024.

The P2C National Roundtable Cambodia is jointly organized by the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, Cambodia and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). It provides an opportunity for key national and international stakeholders, such as the Government, P2C pledging organizations, donors, the UN and other international organizations, private sector, civil society, and academia to participate in this important event aimed at supporting the ongoing digital transformation in Cambodia. The National Roundtable seeks to matchmake existing partner pledges and invite new ones, with Cambodia's priorities through a whole-of-government approach to digital development. Further details are available in Annex 1.

Cambodia is accelerating its digital transformation journey as articulated in the Digital Economy and Society Policy Framework 2021-2035 and Cambodia Digital Government Policy 2022-2035 and, in that context, would like to engage with the P2C Digital Coalition.

P2C is a global multistakeholder alliance established in 2021 by ITU in line with the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation and SDGs and serves as a global platform to mobilize and announce new resources, partnerships, and commitments for universal and meaningful connectivity in the hardest-to-connect communities.

We would appreciate your confirmation of attendance. Mr. Sameer Sharma (E mail: sameer.sharma@itu.int) or Mr. Mohammad Farkhani (E mail: mohammad.farkhani@itu.int ) remain at your disposal for any enquiries.

I look forward to your participation at the National P2C Roundtable in Cambodia.

Yours faithfully,

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava
Director

# Partner2Connect
## National Roundtable Cambodia, 8-9 July 2024
## Phnom Penh Hotel
## Phnom Penh, 12206, Cambodia



## 1.0    Background

The Partner2Connect Digital Coalition (P2C) is a global multistakeholder alliance launched in 2021 by ITU, in close cooperation with the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, and the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Islands Developing States (UNOHRLLS). Created in line with the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation, the WSIS action lines and the Sustainable Development Goals, the purpose of P2C is to serve as a global platform to mobilize and announce new resources, partnerships and commitments for universal and meaningful connectivity in the hardest-to-connect communities in Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). P2C Action Framework serves as the guiding document for the Coalition. The Partner2Connect online pledging platform, through which resources from public and private sector players around the world are being mobilized, now has 895[1] pledges made worth around USD 46 billion, submitted by 434  entities based in 142  countries around the globe.
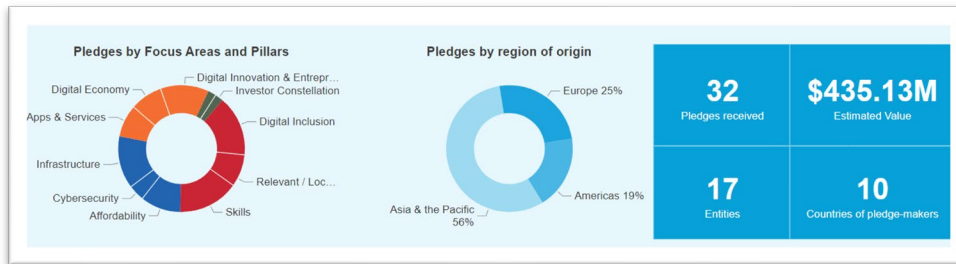
Cambodia is currently engaged with the P2C Digital Coalition to accelerate its digital transformation journey. Cambodia's digital transformation agenda as articulated in the Digital Economy and Society Policy Framework 2021-2035 cites five key strategic goals, to cover the following:



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[1] As of 23rd April 2024

It is also strengthening all elements of the digital ecosystem to achieve the goals set out in the policy framework. In this journey, Cambodia is inviting the P2C Digital Coalition pledge makers that have made pledges and is also calling upon partners to make new pledges. As on 5 April 2024, 32 pledges worth $435.13 Million[2] have been made by 17 entities.



In this background, an in-country Partner2Connect Digital Coalition meeting is planned from 8-9 July at the Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh, #55, Street 178, Sangkat Chey Chumnas Phnom Penh, 12206, Cambodia[3], which will provide a unique opportunity for all relevant stakeholders on the global and national levels with a wide range of expertise to come together to understand the country's needs and determine the best possible responses to Cambodia's digital transformation, including through the mobilization of new P2C pledges, as well as leveraging dialogue with key stakeholders. Further details are available on the event website : Partner2Connect National Roundtable Cambodia (itu.int) ( to be updated)

## 2.0    Roundtable Objectives

- To develop a deeper understanding of the pilot country's digital landscape, and share Cambodia's digital landscape, digital transformation initiatives, relevant policies and strategies, existing opportunities, and development gaps.
- To bring together all key stakeholders involved in Cambodia's digital transformation (government, P2C pledging organizations, donors, UN and international organizations, private sector, civil society, academia) to discuss and align on Cambodia's priority areas for development and targets.
- To mobilize additional P2C pledges matching Cambodia's gaps and priorities as well as facilitate sustainable partnerships.

To empower key stakeholders involved in Cambodia's digital transformation on whole-of-government approach to digital development at national and village level leaving no one behind.

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[2] https://www.itu.int/itu-d/sites/partner2connect/pledges/explore-pledges/

[3] https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/cambodia/hyatt-regency-phnom-penh/pnhrp

# Draft Agenda

| Timing | Topic |
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| 9:00-10:00 | Opening Ceremony<br>Master of Ceremony : MPTC - TBC<br>Welcome Statement : H.E. Sok Puthyvuth, Secretary of State, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of Cambodia<br><br>Welcome Remarks<br><br>- Mr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU<br>- Mr. Jo Scheur, UN Resident Coordinator, Cambodia on behalf of the United Nations Country Team<br>- Ms Doreen-Bogdan Martin, Secretary General, ITU (Video message)<br>Opening Remarks<br><br>- H.E. Mr Chea Vandeth, Minister, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Government of Cambodia<br>Group Photo |
| 10:00-10:30 | Tea / Coffee Break |
| 10:30-11:30 | Session 1: Overview of P2C Digital Coalition and Cambodia National Digital Transformation Policies<br>*This session will provide an overview of P2C Digital Coalition, and the national policy frameworks including Cambodia National Digital Economy and Society Vision Policy (2021-2035) and Digital Government Policy (2022-2035)*<br>Moderator: -   Mr. Jo Scheur, UN Resident Coordinator, Cambodia<br><br>- P2C Digital Coalition: Global Overview and relevance to Cambodia, Mr. Sameer Sharma, Senior Advisor,  ITU<br>- National Digital Economy and Society Vision Policy (2021-2035), Cambodia - H.E Kong Marry, Secretary General of Digital Economy and Business Committee<br>- Digital Government Policy (2022-2035), Cambodia - H.E Chea Sereyvath, Secretary General of Digital Government Committee |
| 11:30-12:15 | Session 2: Identification of key gaps, targets and areas of partnerships |

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| | *This session will identify key gaps, specific national targets, and partnerships opportunities that are important to accelerate the policies, visions and targets set by the Government of Cambodia.*<br><br>Moderator: Ms Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia-Pacific<br><br>- All participants |
| 12:15-13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30-15:00 | Session 3: Alignment with key pledgers on implementation of national digital policies<br>*This session will invite P2C Digital Coalition partners to share details on the pledges made with reference to Cambodia and invite new pledges from international and national entities.*<br><br>Moderator: Mr. Yao Yuya, CEO of Huawei Cambodia<br><br>- Presentation by Mr. Foong Chee Kheong, Chief Regulatory Officer, Axiata<br>- (MPTC will suggest others speaker from Cambodian industry)<br>- (MPTC will provide a list of government priorities, and then the P2C Secretariat / ITU will match these with speakers selected among the P2C pledgers)<br>Presentation by P2C Digital Coalition Partners |
| 15:00-15:30 | Break |
| 15:30-17:00 | Session 4: Alignment with key pledgers on implementation of national digital policies (continued)<br>*This session will invite P2C Digital Coalition partners to share details on the pledges made with reference to Cambodia and invite new pledges from international and national entities.*<br><br>Moderator: A Representative from the Industry<br><br>JICA<br><br>Presentation by P2C Digital Coalition Partners |
| 17:00-19:00 | Networking dinner (MPTC will make the arrangements) |

## Day 2 (9 July 2024)
## Whole-of-Government Whole-of-Society approach to digital transformation

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| 9:00-9:15 | Session 5: Summary of Day 1<br>*This session will provide a summary of discussion of Day 1 including a recap of key gaps, targets, partnership opportunities and pledges.*<br><br>Moderator: Ms Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia-Pacific and Mr Kishore Babu, Area Representative, SEA, ITU |
| 9:15-10:00 | Session6: Digital government platform development including a building block approach (GovStack)<br>*This session will share international practices on technical framework for implementing whole-of-government approach leveraging on building block approach that facilitates reuse of digital infrastructure and enhances interoperability.*<br><br>Moderator: (MPTC will provide a name of moderator)<br><br>- GovStack, Presentation by ITU, Mr Nilabh Roy Chowdhary<br>- Government Enterprise Architecture, presentation by UNDP / invited international partners<br>Presentation of existing and announcement of new P2C pledges |
| 10:00-10:30 | Tea / Coffee Break |
| 10:30-12:00 | Session 7: Leaving no one behind in the Cambodian digital transformation journey<br>*This session will focus on taking the benefits of digital transformation to improve governance, citizen engagement, and reaching out leaving to one behind. It would also include rural and remote connectivity, digital inclusion, and digital skills components.*<br><br>Moderator: International Development Bank / UNCDF / Financing institutions (tbc)<br><br>- Inclusive digital governance and "People with disabilities and digital transformation " also highlight "digitalization to facilitate improvement in life - case of disability as a result of mines" (UNDP)<br>- Smart Villages and Smart Islands Initiatives, ITU<br>- Smart Village, UNOPS (tbc), |

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|  | - Digital agriculture FAO (tbc),<br>- Smart Cities, Ministry of Interior and City Hall (Cambodia) (MPTC will consult the technical team to provide the correct name of the agency and the speaker's name)<br>Presentation of existing and announcement of new P2C pledges |
| 12:00-13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30-15:00 | Session 8: Multi-stakeholder roundtables on Partner2Connect<br>*These multi-stakeholder sessions will focus on identifying new partnership opportunities and pledges under P2C Digital Coalition that would contribute towards meet the existing digital development gaps in Cambodia.*<br><br>Session 8 (a) Breakout session 1: Universal Connectivity<br><br>Moderator: Telecommunication Regulator of Cambodia |
| 15:00-15:30 | Break |
| 15:30-17:00 | Session 8 (b) Breakout session 2: Sustainable Digital Transformation<br><br>Moderator: *(MPTC will provide the moderator name) it is understood that the moderator will need to provide instruction for the breakout , and facilitate the report back)*<br><br>*The breakout sessions will be followed by a plenary, where results of the two roundtables will be summarized.* |
| 17:00- 17:30 | Closing Remarks<br>- Mr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU<br>- H.E. Sok Puthyvuth, Secretary of State, MPTC |
| 17:00-19:00 | Optional: Networking dinner |