

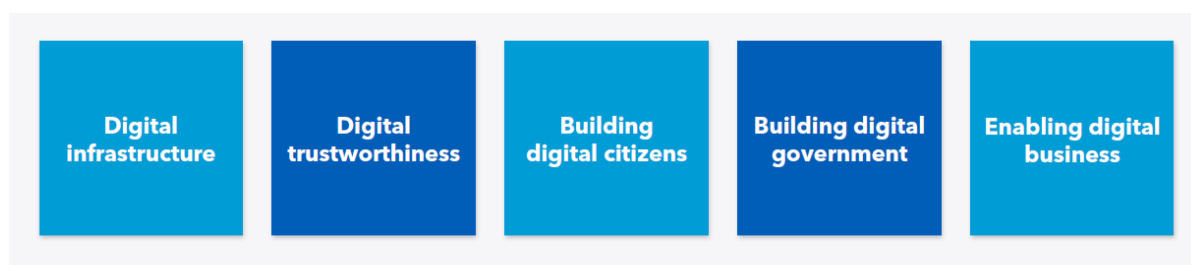
**Partner2Connect**  
**National Roundtable Cambodia, 8-9 July 2024**  
**SUN & Moon Hotel**  
**Phnom Penh, 12206, Cambodia**



## 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 932<sup>1</sup> pledges made worth around USD 51.08 billion, submitted by 444 entities based in 145 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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<sup>1</sup> As of 7 July 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 7 July 2024, 49 pledges worth \$537.96 Million<sup>2</sup> have been made by 25 entities.

In this background, an in-country Partner2Connect Digital Coalition meeting is planned from 8-9 July at the SUN & Moon Hotel, Waterfront, Corner of Preah Monivong Bridge (93) & Preah Norodom Blvd (41), Village 10, Sangkat Tonle Bassac, Khan Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh, Cambodia<sup>3</sup>, 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 \(itu.int\)](#)

## 2.0 Roundtable Objectives

The objectives of the roundtable are as follows:

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.itu.int/itu-d/sites/partner2connect/pledges/explore-pledges/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.sunandmoonhotelgroup.com/hotels/riverside-hotel/>

## Agenda

### Day 1 (8 July 2024)

#### Partnering to accelerate Cambodia's universal connectivity

Timing	Topic
9:00-10:00	<p><b>Opening Ceremony</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Sok Puthyvuth, Secretary of State, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of Cambodia</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, Asia Pacific Region, ITU to introduce Mr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU (Video message)</li> <li>Mr. Masanori Kondo, Secretary-General, APT</li> <li>Ms. Nur Sulyna Abdullah, Chief of Strategic Planning and Membership, ITU, to introduce Ms Doreen-Bogdan Martin, Secretary General, ITU (Video message)</li> <li>H.E. Mr Chea Vandeth, Minister, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Government of Cambodia</li> </ul> <p><b>Group Photo</b></p>
10:00-10:30	Tea / Coffee Break
10:30-11:30	<p><b>Session 1: Overview of P2C Digital Coalition and Cambodia National Digital Transformation Policies</b></p> <p><i>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)</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia-Pacific</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E Taing Nguonly, Director General, Digital Economy, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia</li> <li>Digital Government Policy (2022-2035), Cambodia - H.E Chea Sereyvath, Secretary General of Digital Government Committee</li> <li>P2C Digital Coalition: Global overview and relevance to Cambodia - Mr. Sameer Sharma, Senior Advisor, ITU</li> <li><u>Mr. Naoto Kanehira, Senior Digital Development Specialist, World Bank Group (<a href="#">Remote</a>)</u></li> </ul>

Timing	Topic
11:30-12:15 (45 min)	<p><b>Session 2: Role of UN and international agencies in achievement of UN SDGs in Cambodia</b></p> <p><i>This session will provide the perspective of the UN agencies in Cambodia, the achievement of UN SDGs in accordance with the policies, visions and targets set by the Government of Cambodia.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Nur Sulyna Abdullah, Chief of Strategic Planning and Membership, ITU</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Mr Ben Churchill, Director, WMO Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific (Remote)</u></li> <li>• <u>Dr. Sanjay Srivastava, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction, UNESCAP (Remote)</u></li> <li>• Ms. Wenjing Man, Head of Communication and Information Unit, UNESCO, Cambodia</li> <li>• Mr. Amir Goraya, Governance Advisor, UNDP</li> <li>• <u>Ms. Kathryn Clarkson, Head of Delegation, IFRC (Remote)</u></li> </ul>
12:15-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:30 (1.00 hr)	<p><b>Session 3 (a): Extending universal connectivity in Cambodia</b></p> <p><i>This session will invite P2C Digital Coalition partners to share details on pledges made to enhance universal connectivity in Cambodia and invite new pledges from international and national entities on the same area.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Sameer Sharma, Senior Advisor, ITU</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sethserey Sam, Director General of General Department of ICT of MPTC, Cambodia: Connect all communes by 2027</li> <li>• Ms. Chem Srey Oeun, Head of Corporate Affairs, Smart Axiata: Initiatives in Cambodia</li> <li>• Mr. Rajeev Kapoor, Director – Asia-Pacific, Intelsat</li> <li>• Mr. Frank Yuan, Marketing Director, Wireless Network, Huawei APAC</li> </ul>
14:30-15:00	Break
15:00-16:00 (1:00 hr)	<p><b>Session 3(b) : Extending universal connectivity in Cambodia</b></p> <p><i>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 on the same area.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr Kishore Babu, Area Representative, SEA, ITU</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. SUN Rapid, Under Secretary of State, MPTC: Digital inclusion policies and action, including Digital government transformation</li> <li>• <u>H.E. Mr. Belal Al-Hafnawi, Commissioner and Board Member,</u></li> </ul>

Timing	Topic
	<p><u>Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, Jordan (remote)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ty Sok, Switch! National Coordinator – Cambodia, APNIC Foundation</li> <li>• Mr. Zhao Yazhi, CMO of ZTE Cambodia, ZTE Corporation</li> <li>• <u>Mr. Markus Schwertel, Director, Global Policy &amp; Strategy, Intern. Organizations, HP, Germany (Remote)</u></li> </ul>
17:00-19:00	Networking dinner (MPTC will make the arrangements)

## Day 2 (9 July 2024)

### Partnering to accelerate Cambodia's digital transformation

Timing	Topic
9:00-9:15	<p><b>Summary of Day 1</b></p> <p><i>This session will provide a summary of discussion of Day 1 including a recap of key gaps, targets, partnership opportunities and pledges.</i></p> <p><b>Ms Atsuko Okuda</b>, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia-Pacific</p>
9:15-10:00 (45 min)	<p><b>Session 4: Digital transformation in Cambodia</b></p> <p><i>This session will share international practices and pledges made by P2C Digital Coalition partners on digital transformation, digital public infrastructure and advancing digital public goods. It also invites new pledges from international and national entities.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Chea Sereyvath, Secretary General, Digital Government Committee, Cambodia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. En Sovann, Director, Digital Government Committee, Cambodia</li> <li>• Ms. Philomena Gnanapragasam, Director, AIBD</li> <li>• Ms. Nimnuon IvEk, Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP</li> <li>• Mr. Jessie Bacal, Technology for Development Specialist, UNICEF Cambodia</li> <li>• <u>Mr. Ashish Narayan, Program Coordinator, ITU (Remote)</u></li> </ul>
10:00-10:30	Tea / Coffee Break
10:30-12:00 (1.5 hours)	<p><b>Session 5: Leaving no one behind in the Cambodian digital transformation journey</b></p> <p><i>This session will invite P2C Digital Coalition partners to share details on the pledges made with reference to Cambodia in the area of digital transformation, digital inclusion and digital skills and invite new pledges from international and national entities on the same area.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Philomena Gnanapragasam, Director, AIBD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Dr. SENG Sopheap, President, Cambodia Academy of Digital Technology: Digital innovation and entrepreneurship</li> </ul>

Timing	Topic
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Rakesh L, Director at Ada Lovelace Software Pvt. Ltd, INDIA</li> <li>• Ms. Cheng Sreytom, Director, Educational Broadcasting Cambodia</li> <li>• <u>Mr. Anil Raghuvanshi, Founder and President, ChildSafeNet, Nepal</u> <a href="#">(Remote)</a></li> <li>• <u>Dr. R K Upadhyay, CEO, Centre For Development Of Telematics, India</u> <a href="#">(Remote)</a></li> </ul>
12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00 (1.5 hrs)	<p><b>Session 6: Fostering partnership and collaboration</b> <i>This session explores partnership opportunities with partners and funding agencies, through existing pledges under P2C Digital Coalition and new pledges.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Chem Srey Oeun, Head of Corporate Affairs, Smart Axiata: Initiatives in Cambodia</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Suthinee Leelahemaratana Business Development Manager, Cisco, Thailand</li> <li>• Ms. Jeanette Whyte, Head of Public Policy, APAC, GSMA</li> <li>• Mr. Dominic McDonald, Chief Executive, ULAP</li> </ul>
15:00-15:30	Break
15:30-17:00 (1.5 hrs)	<p><b>Session 7: Panel Discussion: Roadmap for Cambodia</b> <i>This session will conclude the two days' discussions and chart a roadmap based on Cambodia's priority areas for development.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: H.E. Sok Puthyuth, Secretary of State, MPTC</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E Chea Sereyvath, Secretary General of Digital Government Committee</li> <li>• Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia-Pacific</li> <li>• Ms. Chem Srey Oeun, Head of Corporate Affairs, Smart Axiata</li> <li>• Mr. Tan Jun, VP of Huawei, Cambodia</li> <li>• Ms. Sivhuang Lay, Advisor to the MPTC</li> <li>• Dr. R K Upadhyay, CEO, Centre For Development Of Telematics, India <a href="#">(Remote)</a></li> </ul>
17:00- 17:30	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, Asia Pacific Region, ITU</li> <li>• H.E. Sok Puthyuth, Secretary of State, MPTC</li> </ul>