

Cross-Cutting Session on Digitalization Digital Transformation for Sustainable Development Goals in the Wake of COVID-19

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15 March 2021, 10:00-12:30 (CET)Virtual Meeting

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AGENDA

[10:00-10:20]	Welcome and opening remarks
	 Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the International telecommunication Union
	(ITU) Office for Europe
	 Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk, Director of the Economic Cooperation and Trade
	Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
	 Mr. Francisco André, Co-Chair of the RFSD 2021, Secretary of State for
	Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal
	 Ms. Gwi Yeop Son, Regional Director of Development Coordination Office

[10:20 - 10:25]	Keynote Speech
	o Ms. Valeryia Ionan, Deputy Minister in European integration of Ministry of
_	Digital Transformation of Ukraine
[10:25-10:30]	Youth Speech
	Mr. Daniel Kalemi (Albania), Youth Envoy – Generation Connect - Europe Variable Grant (CG 5UD), Programment of the programment (Development of the programment
	Youth Group (CG-EUR): Presentation of the project / Declaration to Member States
[10:30 – 11:10]	Topic 1: Ensuring universal digital inclusion
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	 Setting the context: Bridging digital divides in the times of COVID-19,
	ensuring universal meaningful connectivity.
	 Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of ITU Office for Europe
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	 Ensuring the participation of girls and women in digital sector and its dynamics, and the women's participation in the digital world; with a
	special focus on the repercussion of COVID-19 for women and girls in
	digital space. (UNIDO, UN Women)
	Ms. Oxana Kukharchuk, Board member of "Element", Private
	Sector, Russia
	 Ms. Nino Enukidze, Rector of Business and Technology University, Georgia
	 Ms. Yvette RAMOS, President WOMENVAI and Swiss Engineering
	Geneva, Rep Switzerland for the WFEO, governing body of RCEM-
	UNECE for the Scientific & Technological community
	Creating a safe and empowering cyberspace for children and the youth
	through capacity building, skills development and the adoption of a multi-
	stakeholder approach to address the new challenges related to the current global pandemic.
	Ms. Klorenta Janushi, Head of the Communication and Information
	dissemination Unit, Directorate of Electronic Certification and
	Cyber Security, Council of Ministers
	Questions and answers
	Moderator: Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of ITU Office for Europe
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[11:10 - 11:50]	Topic 2: Accelerating the digitalization of services
	Highlighting the emerging role of information and communication
	technologies (ICTs) as an engine for agriculture development in Europe
	and Central Asia.
	 Ms. Eszter Varga, Senior Researcher at Institute of Agricultural Economics of Hungary
	 Ms. Sophie Treinen, Information and Knowledge Management for
	the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Regional Office for
	Europe and Central Asia
	 Open data policy towards the benefit of the society: Ensuring a climate resilient recovery from COVID-19
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o Mr. Milan Dacic, Representative for Europe at World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Strengthening the national capacities in implementing mobile health in the European region and developing solutions to manage the COVID-19 outbreak. o Ms. Ana Maria Carriazo, Senior Advisor, Regional Ministry of Health and Families of Andalusia (Spain) o Mr. Stefano Quintarelli, Chair of the Adivsory Group for Advanced Technologies in Trade and Logistics of the UN-CEFACT **Questions and answers Co-moderators:** o Ms. Sophie Treinen, Information and Knowledge Management for the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia o Mr. Clayton Hamilton, Coordinator, Digital Health Flagship Division of Country Health Policies and Systems World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe [11:50-12:25] Topic 3: Creating an enabling environment for digital trade Strengthening sustainable trade through ICTs to promote inclusive, transparent and traceable value chains. o Ms. Haruko Okusu: Chief of Section – CITES Programme Management o Mr. Mathias Lörtscher, Head CITES MA of Switzerland at the Federal Department of Home Affairs FDHA Underscoring the importance of ICTs in pursuing trade-related environmental objectives following. o Ms. Maria Cardenas Fischer, Senior Programme Management Officer at the Basel Convention Spotlighting the importance of new technologies to support trade and trade facilitation for more resilient and responsive economies in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. o Ambassador Vuk Zugic – Coordinator of OSCE Economic and **Environmental Activities Questions and answers** Moderator: Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk, Director of the Economic Cooperation and Trade Division of the UNECE [12:25 - 12:30]

• Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of ITU Office for Europe

Closing Remarks