

STI Forum Side Event: Digitalization to Achieve the SDGs: Promoting effective & coherent UN support through mapping & country level initiatives

Digital Cooperation in Mongolia

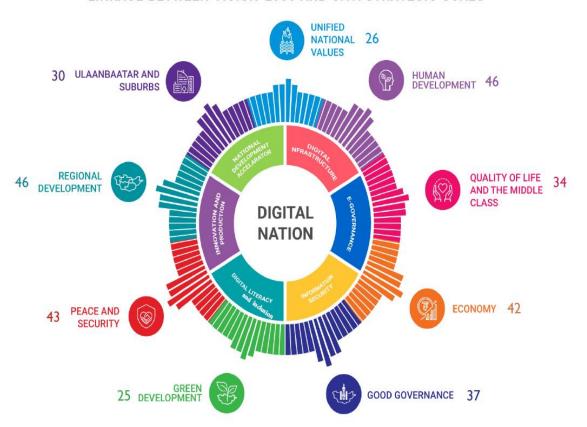
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Context Setting

LINKAGE BETWEEN VISION-2050 AND CITA STRATEGIC GOALS



Mongolia's Vision 2050



Digital Nation Strategy 6 priorities



UN Digital Cooperation
Plan of Action and UNSDCF



UN's Support through Digital Cooperation Plan of Action

To be further refined and prioritized

- Inclusion, Digital literacy, and Capacity Building with a special focus on youth as active contributors to the digital transformation;
- Universal access and fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity;
- E-governance, enabling policy (e.g., digital green economy, e-agriculture) and regulatory framework for digital economy and an inclusive digital society;
- Human Rights; and
- Innovations.



Initiatives/Discussions on the horizon

- Global Digitalization Dialogue in late August 2022, organized by the Government and the UN, for likeminded countries to exchange experience, challenges, and lessons on digital transformation, focused on implementation.
- We welcome Member States and partners to actively participate and join the Global Digitalization Dialogue!
- World Bank Smart Government II Project: coordinating the discussion between the World Bank, Government, and UNCT to support the design process of the Project.
- Discussions ongoing with **private sector partners**: Mobicom (Mongolia), Facebook (US), Ant Financial (China) on areas related to digital literacy, digital skills training, fintech and green financing, climate mitigation and tree planting.



Challenges and Opportunities/Lessons Learned

Challenges

- This is a relatively new area of work, with limited expertise, especially at the country level, for both UN entities and the Government.
- Building dynamic partnerships with a range of stakeholders take significant initial investment in terms of time and capacity.
- The Digital Nation Strategy is very comprehensive and ambitious, strong coordination is needed to ensure there is collective UN effort.
- Shifting priorities and changes within the Government.

Opportunities/Lessons Learned

- To work effectively on large scale initiatives, such as those with IFIs, it is important for the UN to work together, with UN agencies leveraging complementary expertise and capacities.
- It's important to narrow the focus to 1 to 2
 areas, for Mongolia, we have identified Digital
 Literacy.
- Close relation with the Government is essential.
- Leverage the UN's networks at Global, Regional level, as well as network with development partners and the private sector.

THANK YOU!

