Progress in the Implementation of WSIS outcomes

The work of the UNECE

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UNECE focus

Implementation of the outcomes of WSIS

Emphasis on:

- Development issues
- Solutions that use the ICT tools to achieve development goals
- Sustainability concerns

Areas of work:

- Transport
- Public-private partnerships
- Environment
- Trade
- Innovation
- Energy
- Statistics
- Housing
Transport

- Intelligent transports systems

- Use of ICT is key to articulate these systems

- Important conclusion: it is not about technology but about appropriate institutional, regulatory and policy arrangement

- Coordination of multiple stakeholders
Public-Private Partnerships

- Share risks between the public and the private sectors
- Mobilise the necessary financing for infrastructure development
- Identification of best practices
- International Specialist Centre on PPPs in ICT/Broadband to be hosted in Baku (affiliated to the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence)
Environment

- ICT solutions as a key factor to promote access to information and knowledge

- Improved access to information through electronic information tools- Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

- UNECE Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers: web-based access to environmental data

- UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System (plus online training)
• UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)

- Joint development by the public and private sectors of electronic business standards
- Facilitation of business transactions
- Promotion of the single window concept
Innovation Performance Reviews

- ICT as general purpose technology
- Key elements in the capacity to innovate and introduce new business models
- UNECE has been carrying out Innovation Performance Reviews of countries with economies in transition since 2010: Belarus, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Armenia
- These Reviews take an integrated view of innovation capacity, including the potential contribution of ICT
Innovation in the public sector

- Relation between providers of services and users are key for innovation

- ICT solutions are key to facilitate these communications and draw lessons from any experiences

- Innovation in the public sectors was the theme of:
  - Sixth Session of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (10-11 October 2013)
  - Future guidebook for policymakers
Capacity-building

- Focus on Central Asia: a series of seminar on ICT Policy and Legal issues
- SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development
- Workshops and seminars on trade facilitation, single window and data harmonization
Some publications

- Information and Communication Technology Policy and Legal Issues for Central Asia
- Guidebook on Promoting Good Governance in Public-Private Partnerships
- Promoting Innovation in the Services Sector
Thank you!

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