



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)





Trade



- **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
 - Most well-known standard: United Nations Electronic Data Interchange Standard (UN/EDIFACT).



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

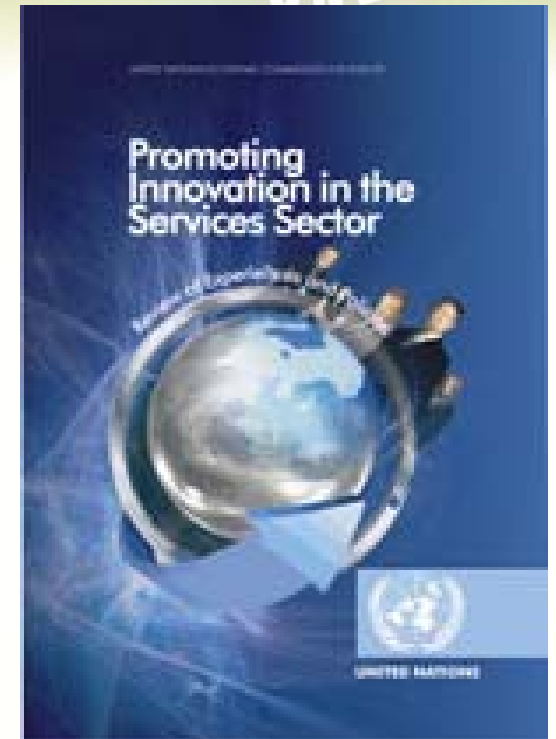
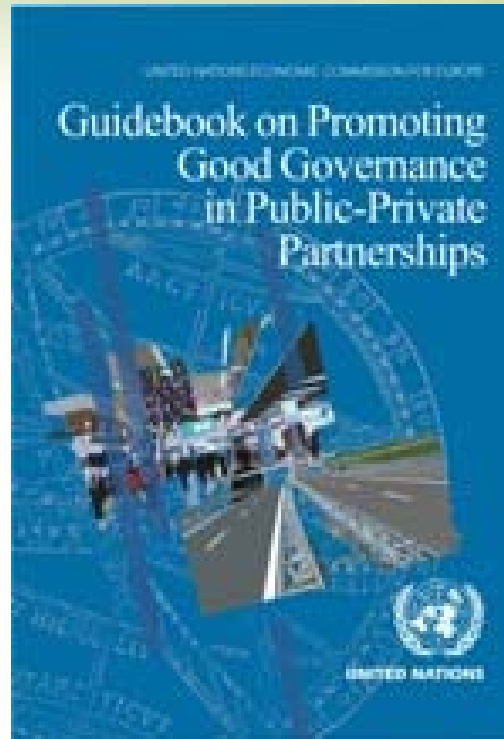
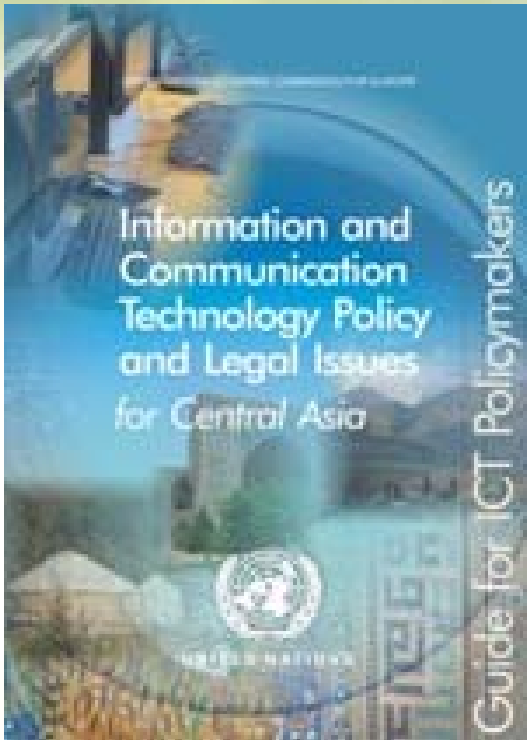


- Focus on Central Asia: a series of seminar on ICT Policy and Legal issues
- SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development
- Workshops and seminars on trade facilitation, single window and data harmonization





Some publications





Thank you!

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