Capacity Development Webinar

"Implementing a Multi-Pronged Strategy for Digital Transformation: Lessons from Asia"

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Bio of Speakers

Moderator: Vincenzo Aquaro

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Mr. Aquaro is the Chief of the Digital Government in the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government - Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations, supporting the Secretariat in promoting digital government, and leading the UN flagship publication E-government Survey. In 2019 Mr. Aquaro was named in Apolitical's list of the World's Top 100 most influential people in digital government. Mr. Aquaro has 30 years of experience in ICT in the public sector including extensive senior leadership. He has served as CEO of an Italian corporate specialized in project management and evaluation of strategic ICT projects, and as chairman of the Consortium for Automation and Risk Management in Agriculture, specialized in ICT bank solutions for SME in agriculture. With the University of Roma3 he also co-chaired two editions of the Master's degree in ICT Governance in Public Administration. Mr. Aquaro holds a Master's degree in Electronic Engineering from University of Bari, Italy.

Panel Presentations Moderator: Adriana Alberti

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Ms. Alberti is Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, UN DESA. She has thirty years of international knowledge and expertise in governance and public administration. She coordinated and contributed to a number of UN publications, including the UN E-Government Survey. She has led capacity development activities in over 25 countries from around the world, including on innovation in governance and digital government. She coordinated the UN Public Service Forum and Awards programme. As Chief Technical Advisor, she managed an innovation programme in the Middle East, North Africa, and Western Balkans. Prior to joining the UN, she worked at the University of Bologna and taught at several universities. She was Visiting Fellow at Princeton University, the Institute of Advanced Social Studies in Spain, and the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom. She was awarded fellowships from the Italian National Research Council, the European University Institute, the Government of Spain for the Salvador de Madariaga Research Grant, and Harvard University. She holds a Ph.D. in Social and Political Sciences from the European University Institute; a master's degree in Political Science magna cum laude from the University of Bologna and an Executive Education certificate from Harvard University.

Panelists:

Hyunkwan Jung

Senior Deputy Director, Regional Digital Service Division at the Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS), Republic of Korea

Hyunkwan Jung has been dedicated to the Korean Digital Government and ICT area for 12 years. Among various roles he has held within the government, he has spent most of years in Digital Government. He made several digital government policies including Digital Government Master Plan. And he also worked for sharing Korea's experiences with government officials around the world. Recently, he has been working on the development of Regional digital government.

Yimin Wang

Director of the Center for E-Government Studies, China National Academy of Governance, Deputy Director of the National E-Government Expert Committee

Yimin Wang, Ph.D., Professor, Director of the Center for E-Government Studies of China National Academy of Governance, Deputy Director of the National E-Government Expert Committee. His Research direction includes digital government, digital governance, government services, and he has been engaged in the planning and designing of digital government and "Internet + government services" for many years. He has published several scholarly works in the field of e-government and more than 80 academic papers in domestic and foreign academic journals and conferences.

Anir Chowdhury

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Anir Chowdhury is the Policy Advisor of the a2i Programmme of the ICT Division and the Cabinet Division of the Government of Bangladesh supported by the UNDP. In this capacity, he leads the formation of a whole-of-society innovation ecosystem in Bangladesh through massive technology deployment, extensive capacity development, integrated policy formulation, whole-of-government institutional reform, and an Innovation Fund. His work on innovation in public service has developed interesting and replicable models of service delivery decentralization, public-private partnerships, and transformation of a traditional bureaucracy into a forward-looking, citizen-centric service provider. He is a regular speaker in international conferences on public service innovation and reform, digital financial inclusion, data driven policy making, civil registration and digital identity management, SDGs, youth and community empowerment, educational transformation, public-private partnerships, and South-South Cooperation. He regularly writes in reputed national and international blogs, journals and publications.

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Fuchun Zhao is an associate professor of the Institute of Information, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. His research focuses on the areas of information management, research policy, digital economy. He earned his PhD from Fudan University. He is also a visiting scholar at Marshall Business School of USC. He has published more than 40 papers in journals such as "Studies in Science of Science", "Research and Development Management", "Science of Science and Management of S. & T", and several monographs on innovation and entrepreneurship.

Wai Min Kwok

Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

Wai Min Kwok joined the United Nations Secretariat in 2008. Before that, he spent over ten years in the energy and information technology sectors as an engineer and a technopreneur. In UN DESA, he has been entrusted with a portfolio of roles, including as one of the lead authors for selected editions of the UN E-Government Survey and the World Public Sector Report. His areas of expertise span a range in sustainable development, public policy, public administration and management, digital government, digital transformation and Internet governance. For three consecutive years in 2011-2013, he was the Secretary of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA), a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council. Wai Min Kwok was formerly a Lee Ka-Shing graduate scholar and Mobil Oil scholar. He has a postgraduate master's in public administration with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and an honours degree in electrical engineering at the National University of Singapore.

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Deniz Susar is a Governance and Public Administration Officer at the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government of UNDESA. Deniz's main work areas include digital government and preparation of the biannual UNDESA flagship publication 'United Nations E-Government Survey'. As part of his current role, he also supports the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). HIs main research areas include e-government, open government, citizen engagement, internet governance, artificial intelligence and other frontier technologies and open government data. Deniz holds a Master's Degree on International Political Economy and Development from Fordham University, New York, United States and a Computer Engineering degree from the Bosphorus University of Istanbul, Turkey.