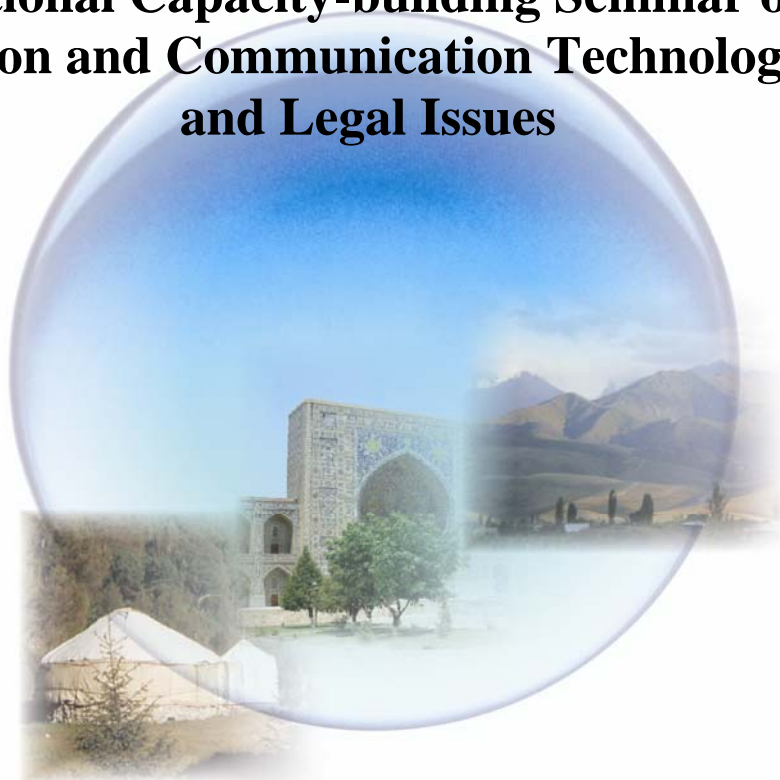




**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
(UNECE)**

Programme

**National Capacity-building Seminar on
Information and Communication Technology Policy
and Legal Issues**



**Tashkent, Uzbekistan
1-2 July 2008**

In cooperation with

**COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION AGENCY OF UZBEKISTAN
(UzACI)**

**UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP),
UZBEKISTAN**

**UNDP INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
POLICY PROJECT (ICTP)**

Objectives of the Seminar

The development of information and communications technologies (ICTs) enables businesses and individuals to communicate and engage in transactions with other parties electronically, instantaneously and internationally. This gives rise to a variety of legal and regulatory issues for policymakers, from the validity of electronic methods of contracting and the security risks associated with them, to concerns over cybercrime and the ability to protect intellectual property rights (IPR) online. ICT policymakers are constantly facing challenges in dealing with these issues. The promotion of harmonized law reforms, which would facilitate the sound development of eCommerce and related activities, ensuring that citizens have appropriate protection against harmful behavior, is a way to address these challenges.

The National Seminar will cover legal issues in five distinct areas relevant for the sound development of eCommerce and related activities in Uzbekistan, namely: legal infrastructure, legal certainty, legal security, legal protection and legal deterrence. It highlights and discusses relevant related developments, best practice initiatives at an international level for the reference of ICT policymakers in Uzbekistan.

PROGRAMME

1 July 2008

08.30-09.00 Registration of the Participants

09.00-09.30 Opening Session of the Seminar

Welcoming Statement by the senior representative from the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Opening Statement by **Mr. Marek Belka**, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
(Presented by **Mr. Andrey Vasilyev**, Director, Economic Cooperation and Integration Division of UNECE)

Welcoming Statement by a representative from the Communication and Information Agency of Uzbekistan (UzACI)

Statement by a representative from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Uzbekistan

09.30-10.15 Introduction and Overview of Key ICT Policy and Legal Issues

Introduction of the Seminar and the work of UNECE in the sphere of ICT and Knowledge-based Development in Central Asia by **Ms. Michiko Enomoto**, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Cooperation and Integration Division of UNECE

ICT Policy and Legal Issues for Uzbekistan – key regulatory issues of ICT policymakers – an overview by **Professor Ian Walden**, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

10.15-11.00 *Group Photo/Coffee Break*

11.00-13.00 Session 1 – Legal Infrastructure for ICT

Instructor: Professor Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

Issues to be covered: legal principles, regulatory structures for ICT and ICT stakeholders, sector liberalization, and harmonizing ICT laws

13.00-14.00 *Lunch Break*

14.00-15.40 Session 1 (continuation)/Session 2 – Legal Certainty

Instructor: Professor Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

Issues to be covered: legal recognition of electronic messages, requirements of form, retention of data messages, recognition of foreign electronic documents and signatures, admissibility of electronic evidence, formation and validity of electronic contracts, and recognition by parties of data messages.

15.40-16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00-18.00 Session 2 – Legal Certainty (continuation)

2 July 2008

09.00-10.40 Session 3 - Legal ICT Security

Instructor: Professor Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

Issues to be covered: managing ICT security risks, digital signatures, and data protection

10.40-11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00-13.00 Session 4 - Legal Protection in ICT

Instructor: Professor Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

Issues to be covered: trademarks, copyright, consumer protection

13.00-14.00 *Lunch break*

14.00-15.40 Session 5 - Legal Deterrents in ICT

Instructor: Professor Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

Issues to be covered: ICT crimes, regulating ICT crime, international cooperation

15.40-16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00-17.00 Session 6 - Questions and Answers

Instructor: Professor Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss specific issues related to the topics.

17.00-17.10 **Questionnaire**

17.10-17.30 **Closing session of the Seminar**