



SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE ECONOMIES OF CENTRAL ASIA (SPECA)

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REVIEW OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION IN 2011

This report contains activities carried out/to be carried out by the UNECE and ESCAP secretariats within the framework of the SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development (PWG on KBD), or addressing topics within its thematic areas in 2011. These activities are in line with the Programme of Work for 2010-2011 of the PWG, which was adopted at the second session in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on 12 November 2009 and the revised Programme of Work for 2011, adopted at the third session in Astana, Kazakhstan on 30 September 2010.

The UNECE and ESCAP secretariats, within the framework of implementation of the Programme of Work of the SPECA PWG on KBD, organized/will organize the following capacity-building events in 2011:

- UNECE Workshop on best practices in the sphere of Public-Private Partnerships (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 26 January 2011).
- UNECE High-Level Policy Seminar on Developing Innovative Entrepreneurship (Haifa, Israel, 28 March - 2 April 2011).
- UNECE Capacity-building meeting on the UNECE Public-Private Partnerships Initiative (Geneva, Switzerland, 18-19 April 2011).
- UNECE Applied Policy Seminar on Policies for Innovation in the 21st Century: Broadening the Horizons of Collaboration and Risk Sharing (Geneva, Switzerland, 12-13 May 2011).
- UNECE Training Workshop on Public-Private Partnerships within the fourth Annual CEE and SEE Summit (Prague, Czech Republic, 8 June 2011).
- UNECE International Conference on Promoting Eco-innovation: Policies and Opportunities (Tel Aviv, Israel, 11 -13 July 2011).

- UNECE International Conference on Raising Awareness of the Role of Intellectual Property Rights in Innovation and the Dangers and Economic Costs of Intellectual Property Rights Infringements - Good Practices and Policy Recommendations (Geneva, Switzerland, 7-8 July 2011).
- UNECE Subregional Conference on Commercialization and Evaluation of Intellectual Property and on Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 11-12 October 2011).
- UNECE International Conference on Knowledge-based Development and Innovative Entrepreneurship (Baku, Azerbaijan, 24 -25 November 2011).
- Third meeting of the UNECE Expert Group on Public-Private Partnerships for CIS countries (Baku, Azerbaijan, 25 November 2011).
- UNECE Special Meeting on the Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan (Geneva, Switzerland, 30 November 2011).
- UNECE Special Meeting on the UNECE Public-Private Partnerships Initiative (Geneva, Switzerland, 1 December 2011).
- ESCAP/APCICT Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Subregional Training of Trainers Workshop on APCICT's "Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders" (Academy) Modules 9 (ICT and Disaster Risk Management) and Module 10 (ICT and Climate Change) (Issyk-kul Lake, Kyrgyzstan, 7-9 September 2011).
- ESCAP/APCICT Launch of the Tajik version of Academy Curriculum & National Workshop in Tajikistan on Academy Module 3 (e-Government Applications), Module 7 (ICT Project Management in Theory and Practice) and Module 8 (Options for Funding ICT for Development) (Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 13-18 September 2011).
- ESCAP Regional workshop on cooperation and information sharing for flood risk reduction and extreme weather events in Central Asia (Baku, Azerbaijan, 23 -25 November 2011).

Representatives of the SPECA member countries also participated/will participate in the following events:

- Regional Training of Trainers on Academy Modules 9 and 10 (Seongnam City, Republic of Korea, 22-26 February 2011).
- Second Regional Forum on ICT Capacity-building (Incheon and Cheonan, Republic of Korea, 24-28 October 2011): The Forum will provide an opportunity to review the progress achieved by APCICT, deliberate upon the lessons learned,

and accordingly formulate the roadmap for its future work so that APCICT can deliver more impactful services to ESCAP Member States. The Forum will also help facilitate multilateral cooperation, providing a suitable occasion for ICT and development stakeholders to share their experiences and best practices, assess current needs, and identify areas for mutual collaboration. The Regional Forum will be a large-scale event with over 100 participants from around 30 countries, including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan.

- ESCAP Expert Group Meeting on Regional Knowledge and Cooperation for Comprehensive Multi-Hazard Risk Management in Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, Thailand, 27-29 June 2011).
 - Second session of the ESCAP Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction (Bangkok, Thailand, 29 June - 1 July 2011).
 - Consultative Meeting on Regional Cooperative Mechanisms on Space Applications for an Effective Disaster Management and Sustainable Development (Colombo, Sri Lanka, 25-27 October 2011).
 - Sixth session of the UNECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (Geneva, Switzerland, 30 November - 2 December 2011).
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