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WHAT WORKS IN E-FORMALIZATION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

South-South Knowledge
Sharing Forum
18-20 May 2021



RATIONALE

In order to facilitate the transition the formalization of enterprises and workers, an increasing number of governments are promoting the application of new technologies. Technology can facilitate access to social protection, simplify registration, enhance access to finance, increase productivity, support inspection and compliance with laws, and give a voice to those working in the shadows of the informal sector. E-formality has the potential to transform the way formalization policies will be implemented in the near future.

THE KNOWLEDGE SHARING FORUM

The Knowledge Sharing Forum provides a platform for tripartite constituents in selected countries in Asia and the Pacific to engage in guided discussions on the potential of digital technologies to contribute to a transition to formality.

The Forum will be guided by the principles of South-South and triangular cooperation, and favour peer learning and cross-country exchanges. It will serve as a kick-off to a longer-term research and knowledge-sharing programme.

EXCHANGE



REFLECT



PLAN



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OBJECTIVES

Learn about the potential of digital technologies to support the formalization of enterprises and workers

Share experiences on how technologies are enhancing the impact of formalization policies in different countries

Develop roadmaps to measure the impact of e-formality and further strengthen its potential in your country

In 2015, ILO tripartite constituents adopted the Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation (R204).



PROGRAMME DAY 1 – 18 MAY

Time (ICT/GMT+7)	
13:00 – 13:45	Opening session
13:45 – 14:45	E-formalization: Introduction and learning from other regions
14:45 – 15:00	Principles of South-South cooperation
BREAK	
15:30 – 16:45	Where do we stand on e-formalization in the Asia-Pacific region?
16:45 – 17:15	Reporting back by country groups
17:15 – 17:30	Wrap up and expectations for next day

PROGRAMME DAY 2 – 19 MAY

Time (ICT/GMT+7)	
13:00 – 13:15	Welcome and presentation of daily programme
13:15 – 14:15	Technology and public policies to incentivize formalization of economic units
14:15 – 15:15	Technology, registration of transactions and enforcement of standards
BREAK	
15:45 – 16:45	Technology and protection and well-being of all workers
16:45 – 17:15	Introduction to country group sessions

PROGRAMME DAY 3 – 20 MAY

Time (ICT/GMT+7)	
13:00 – 13:15	Welcome and introductions to the country breakout sessions
13:15 – 14:45	Country breakout sessions: design of national e-formalization roadmaps
BREAK	
15:15 – 16:45	Country presentations
16:45 – 17:15	Closing



The COVID-19 health crisis and economic downturn are raising the bar on formalization strategies.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATIONS

Participation in this South South Knowledge Sharing Forum is by invitation.

Register yourself here: [\(LINK\)](#)

The webinars will be organized in Zoom. Enrolled participants will receive the invitation to the Zoom meetings, together with all relevant materials.

INFO

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