

**(Draft) International Seminar on  
UNCTAD's Digital Economy Report 2024**

**“The environmental impact of digitalization and its implications for trade and development”**

**November 26, 2024, UNCC 12.30-14.00hrs. (Bangkok time)  
via online Microsoft Teams Platform (Hybrid)**

**Key highlights:**

- Global digital economy trends and prospects
- Sustainability in Asia-Pacific's digital growth: Opportunities for Asia-Pacific nations to grow their digital economies in an environmentally sustainable manner.
- Interface between digitalization and environmental sustainability: Discuss how continuing digitalization is impacting on the environment through the entire life cycle of digitalization, from mining, production, use and end-of-life treatment.
- Inclusivity challenges and solutions: Challenges faced by Asia-Pacific's underserved communities (e.g., rural areas, small businesses) and how digital and environmentally sustainable initiatives can bridge digital divides.
- Regional cooperation: Highlight the importance of collaboration among Asia-Pacific countries to develop shared strategies for sustainability and inclusivity.
- Green tech and digital transformation: Address how Asia-Pacific countries can leverage green technologies in their digital transformation.

12.30-13.00hrs. **Welcome remarks by** Rupa Chanda, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP  
**Welcome remarks by** Mr. Suphakit Chareonkul, Executive Director, ITD  
**Welcome remarks by** Asst. Prof. Dr. Sineenat Sermcheep, Director, ASEAN Studies Center, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University

**Overview of the Digital Economy Report 2024**

presented by Dr. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Senior Adviser to the Secretary-General for UNCTAD16, UN Trade & Development

13.00- 14.00hrs. **Panel Discussion: “Harnessing Regional Collaboration and Circularity for an Environmentally Sustainable and Inclusive Digital Economy in Asia-Pacific”**

- Dr. Supakorn Siddhichai, Executive Vice President, Digital Technology and Innovation Development Unit
- Mr. Vitaliy Alexandrov, First Secretary and Deputy Permanent Representative to ESCAP, Kazakhstan
- Asst. Prof. Dr. Sineenat Sermcheep, Director, ASEAN Studies Center, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University
- Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
- ESCAP-Sustainable Business Network member (TBC)

Q & A session

**Moderated** by Sudip Ranjan Basu, Chief of Sustainable Business Network, TIID, ESCAP

**Remarks:** The International Seminar will be conducted in English.