

# **National Training on AI Governance**

# *16-17 September 2025 (Vientiane)*

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# **BACKGROUND**

The rapid advancement of Generative AI (GenAI) is reshaping global industries and accelerating digital transformation, with the Asia-Pacific region increasingly engaging in this technological shift. As we move toward the Fifth Industrial Revolution—marked by deeper collaboration between human intelligence and AI—new opportunities and challenges are emerging across governance, the economy, and the workforce.

For Lao PDR, strengthening national capacity in AI governance and ethical adoption is essential to ensure that the benefits of this transformation are inclusive, sustainable, and aligned with the country's development priorities. Building this foundation will support the country’s readiness for the evolving demands of Industry 5.0.

The Asian and Pacific Training Centre for ICT for Development (APCICT/ESCAP), the Ministry of Technologies and Communications (MTC) and the Digital Economy Promotion Agency (DEPA) are organizing a national training on AI Governance on 16-17 September 2025.

The training aims to equip participants with the skills and insights needed to navigate the evolving AI landscape. It will strengthen their ability to design effective governance frameworks that address both the opportunities and challenges posed by these technologies, ensuring inclusive, ethical, responsible, and sustainable AI adoption in the industry 5.0 era.

# **OBJECTIVES**

At the end of the programme, participants are expected to:

* Enhance participants’ understanding of AI and digital transformation in governance;
* Identify key policy directions and measures to consider in the development, application, and deployment of AI;
* Develop strategies to address AI-related risks and challenges effectively;
* Equip participants with knowledge and skills to foster a more inclusive digital landscape.

**PARTICIPANTS**

* This training targets managers and mid-level professionals from MTC, as well as government officials responsible for the development and implementation of digital initiatives.

# **CONTACT**

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**PROGRAMME**

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| Time | Day 1 |
| 08:00 – 08:30 | **Registration** |
| 08:30 – 09:00 | **Opening Session**   * Welcome Remarks * MTC * Mr. Kiyoung Ko, Director, APCICT/ESCAP * Group Photo |
| 9:00-9:15 | *Coffee break* |
| 9:15- | **Session 1: Understanding AI & Digital Transformation in Governance**   * Overview of Digital Transformation and AI’s role * The impact of AI across various sectors * Types of AI |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | *Lunch* |
| 13:00-14:30 | **Session 2: AI’s Applications in Public Services**   * Examine AI applications in various sectors: education, agriculture, healthcare, smart cities, environment monitoring * Discussion of AI’s role in achieving national development, including challenges and risks |
| 14:30-14:45 | *Coffee Break* |
| 14:45-16:00 | **Session 3: Group Discussion: Implementation of digital technologies**   * Identify strategies for adopting AI solutions in national and local development plans |

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| Time\* | Day -2 |
| 8:30-10:00 | **Session 4: AI Governance**   * AI Playbook for Policymakers |
| 10:00-10:15 | *Coffee Break* |
| 10:15 - 12:00 | **Session 4: Continued**   * Case studies of AI initiatives (DEPA’s projects) |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | *Lunch* |
| 13:00 - 14:30 | **Session 5: Learning activity** |
| 14:30-14:45 | *Coffee Break* |
| 14:45-15:30 | **Wrap-up and Closing** |