

Information for Parliamentarians

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These include:

- A **"Policy Watch"** repository that comprises ICT policy documents from countries in Asia, including regular policy updates from these countries
- A collection of **case studies** and **best practices** showcasing ICT4D initiatives in Asia
- **Links** to relevant ICT4D websites and resources

A Sourcebook for Parliamentarians

An online resource that serves as a practical, "how to guide" to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for development.



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Introduction

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Parliamentarians and other senior decision-makers are compelled to take on an active role in the management of change within their communities, specifically where ICT is used for development.

The Asian Parliamentarians Forum has been created to heighten awareness among Asian policy makers on the role of ICT today.



Objectives

The goals of the Forum include the:

- Dissemination of select information to Parliamentarians and Senior Parliamentary Staff involved in Information and Communication Technology for Development (ICT4D)
- Provision of a platform for Parliamentarians to share their views and experiences, and thus, make available, a single point of reference for evaluating ICT decisions
- Building of a network of Asian Parliamentarians, thereby enhancing south-south cooperation and information sharing



The Online Forum

This Online Forum is designed to facilitate networking and dialogue among users. We encourage Asian Members of Parliament to register and share their perspectives and views on ICT for development and the role of Parliamentarians in promoting and implementing ICT4D policies and projects.

Once registered, Parliamentarians will be able to post comments and queries to the entire network while having access to everyone else's postings, thereby becoming part of a larger network.

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- A Technical Document specifically for parliamentarians, covering various aspects of ICT
- A "Public Input" register that contains ICT policy documents from countries in Asia, and regular policy updates from the respective regions
- A portfolio of case studies and best practices developed in the region on ICT and the region
- A list of relevant ICT4D activities

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