Landlocked to Land-linked:

Connecting Central Asia to the Global Digital Economy

May 30 – 31

*Kyrgyz Republic*

**Objective**

Bring together ICT stakeholders to identify opportunities to develop the sector through national initiatives aligned with the Digital CASA project, as well as regional connectivity initiatives.

**Participants**

* Ministry of ICT and telecom regulatory agencies from each country
* MNOs/ ISPs from each country
* Other private firms and fiber investors as relevant (domestic IT firms, regional investors like SOCAR Fiber, Softline, Huawei, etc)
* Potentially to include regional/ development partners (CAREC, DfID, EAEU Commission, UNESCAP, ITU)

Agenda

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| TUESDAY may 30 – Open Day with public and private sector | | |
| 08:00 – 09:00 | Registration |  |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | Welcome and Opening of the event   * 10 minutes for opening remarks from the Kyrgyz and Afghan delegations and the WBG | *Kyrgyz Government; Afghan Government; WBG Country Manager/ Directors* |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | Presentation on Digital CASA Objectives and Main components   * Overall vision and development objective * Connectivity and infrastructure * Digital economy * Policy and regulatory environment | *WBG presentation* |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break |  |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | **Cross-sectoral infrastructure sharing** (Optimization of CAPEX and OPEX investments)   * Moderated discussion with public and private stakeholders * Case Study (EASSy or other) | Panel discussion moderated by WBG with representatives from KYR and AFG delegations, and the private sector |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch |  |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | **Balancing stakeholder interests and building sustainable business models** (Policy and Regulatory Component)  Moderated discussion with public and private stakeholders | Panel discussion moderated by WBG with representatives from KYR and AFG delegations, and the private sector |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee Break |  |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | **Competitiveness in the ICT Sector** (Digital Economy Component)  Moderated discussion with public and private stakeholders covering digital services, ICT exports and enablers including data centers, skills, etc   * Case Study on Digital Economy (Moldova, Estonia)? | Panel discussion moderated by WBG with representatives from KYR and AFG delegations, and the private sector |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Plenary Session: Key Takeaways and Next Steps |  |
| 18:30 – 20:00 | Reception for participants |  |

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| Wednesday may 31 – Internal discussions with gov’t stakeholders | | |
| 09:00 – 11:00 | Opening and internal discussion on connectivity component |  |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break |  |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | Discussion on regulatory and policy environment and demand side initiatives   * Key legislative and regulatory reforms needed to enable national/ regional infrastructure investment * Public service delivery and e-government |  |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch |  |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | Discussion on digital economy issues – e-governance, data centers, IT Parks, etc as drivers of ICT sector growth |  |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | Discussion on strategic and implementation framework   * Case study on drivers of successful Digital strategies (Moldova?) * Implementation structure for Digital CASA |  |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Key Takeaways and Next Steps |  |

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| thursday April 1 | | |
| 09:00 – 13:00 | Reserved for bi-lateral discussions |  |