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LEADERSHIP RETREAT ON ELECTRONIC GOVERNANCE

Policy and Decision Makers

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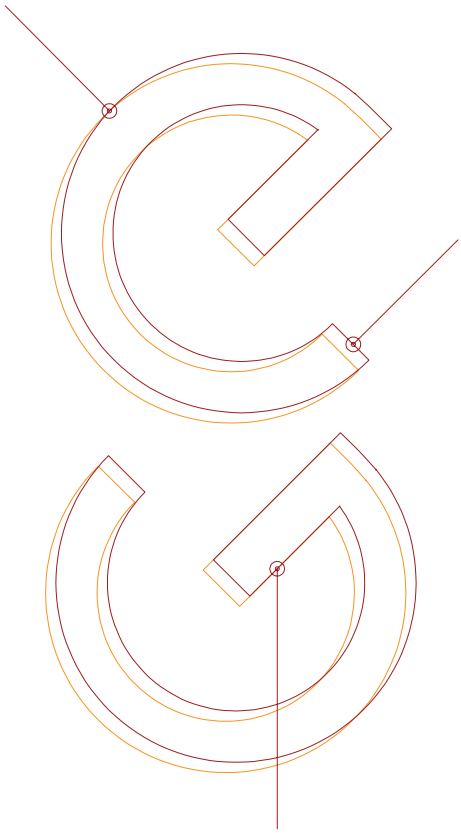

Mission: To support governments in developing countries in strategic use of technology to transform the working of public organizations and their relationships with citizens, businesses, civil society, and with one another.

Activities: Applied and policy research, capacity building, and various forms of development – strategy development, software development, institutional development and development of communities of practice.

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AIM

The aim of the Leadership Retreat on Electronic Governance in Maldives is to raise awareness and build commitment and consensus amongst the leadership of the nation for Electronic Governance development.

AUDIENCE

- Cabinet Ministers
- Political Appointees
- Senior Government Officials

DESCRIPTION

Electronic Governance aims at the strategic application of ICT for good governance. This involves efficiency and efficacy of government, enhanced public service delivery, increased transparency and accountability, and broader public participation in policy and democratic processes.

The Maldives Leadership Retreat on Electronic Governance is a one day programme targeted at cabinet ministers and very senior officials of the Government of the Republic of Maldives with the aim of raising leadership awareness and building consensus and capacity for Electronic Governance development in the country.

Specifically, the retreat will:

- present and discuss the context, concepts and reasons for Electronic Governance;
- discuss the roles and responsibilities of various levels of leadership in directing and developing Electronic Governance;
- show how Electronic Governance can support government leaders in engaging citizens, businesses and the society at large in governance processes, for instance in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of socio-economic policies;
- discuss the current state and challenges for Electronic Governance development in Maldives; and
- present a rigorous framework for developing Electronic Governance, from assessment and research, through vision, strategy and program development, to human and organizational capacity building, able to address the challenges present in the Maldives.

OUTLINE

Introduction to Electronic Governance

What is Electronic Governance about?

Topics include:

- benefits
- challenges
- development

Leadership for Electronic Governance

What is the role of leadership for e-Governance?

Topics include:

- vision and political will
- coordination and frameworks
- public value creation
- international cooperation

Electronic Governance in Maldives

How can Maldives develop e-Governance?

Topics include:

- current status
- ongoing initiatives
- development framework

SPEAKERS

Tomasz Janowski

Dr. Tomasz Janowski is the founder and head of the Center for Electronic Governance at UNU-IIST, an international center of excellence in Electronic Governance, part of United Nations University Int. Institute for Software Technology (UNU-IIST), and Senior Research Fellow of UNU-IIST.

A researcher and practitioner in e-Governance with keen interest in ICT for development, Tomasz has led a number of research, development and capacity-building projects funded by Macao Foundation, Microsoft, UNDP, World Bank, etc. organized many capacity-building events in developing countries, and served as program committe member and chair at numerous international conferences

In particular, Tomasz Janowski:

1) Founded a series of International Conferences on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV - www.icegov.org),
2) Established an initiative to build a global Community of Practice for Electronic Governance (UNeGov.net),
3) Led a unique government program to build a foundation for Electronic Government in Macao (e-Macao - www.emacao.gov.mo),
4) Established a project framework EGOV.* to develop a strategy towards e-Governance in a given Public Administration (PA), establish a program to implement this strategy and build consensus and capacity in the PA to execute it.

His research interests include foundations and frameworks for sustainable Electronic Governance, tools and applications of formal engineering techniques, and rigorous development of enterprise systems, particularly systems for the public sector.

Tomasz Janowski holds a PhD in Computer Science from the University of Warwick, England, and an MSc in Mathematics from University of Gdansk, Poland. He can be contacted by email at tj@iist.unu.edu.

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PROGRAMME

Leadership Retreat on Electronic Governance in Maldives - Policy and Decision Makers

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome	Mr. Ahmed Shafeeq Moosa Envoy for Science and Technology The Presidents' Office
09:05 – 09:15	Chief Guest	
09:15 – 09:25	Welcome	Dr. Tomasz Janowski United Nations University
09:25 – 09:40	Coffee Break	
09:40 – 11:15	Electronic Governance What is Electronic Governance about?	Dr. Tomasz Janowski United Nations University
11:15 – 12:45	Leadership for Electronic Governance What is the role of Leadership for e-Governance?	Dr. Tomasz Janowski United Nations University
12:45 – 13:00	Question and Answer	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:10	Electronic Government in Maldives What is the current state of e-Government in Maldives?	Mr. Mohamed Shareef United Nations University National Centre for Information Technology
14:10 – 14:35	E-Government Development in Maldives What are the ongoing e-Government initiatives in Maldives?	Mr. Faaig Umar National Centre for Information Technology
14:35 – 14:45	Innovations for Electronic Government How to use Cloud Computing for e-Government?	Mr. Sofwathullah Mohamed Maldives Open Source Society
14:45 – 15:00	Question and Answer	

15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15 – 15:50	A Development Framework for e-Government How to build e-Government holistically?	Dr. Tomasz Janowski United Nations University
15:50 – 16:00	Closing	Dr. Isaam Mohamed Governance Reform The Presidents' Office

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Governments are under pressure from citizens, businesses and civil society to address public needs, to support local industries, to deliver high-quality services at reasonable cost to the public, etc.

In response, they develop Electronic Governance - leverage the use of Information and Communication Technology to bring about customer orientation, business like management, new forms of public service delivery and other public sector reforms.

In doing so, government leaders face many challenges, such as:

1) Introducing the necessary structural and process changes to accompany technical solutions, against resistance to change.

2) Finding ways to cooperate on cross-agency projects, within traditionally hierarchical structures of government organizations.

3) Building long-lasting solutions for governments, while facing volatility of supporting technologies.

4) Relying on the private sector to deliver public services while keeping data secure and maintaining self-determination in technological choices.

UNeGov.net is an initiative of the United Nations University to build a global research and practice community on Electronic Government. A forum for studying and addressing such challenges, the community brings together researchers and practitioners from across national, thematic and sectoral boarders, with common interest in transformational use of technology in government and beyond.

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