Asia-Arab Dialogue on Digital Economy

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Description

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) are organizing a special session of Asia-Arab Dialogue on E-Commerce as part of the inaugural edition of the Arab International Digital Cooperation and Development Forum (DCDF 2021).

This event will capitalize on the major findings from the recent publications selected for the digital economy in various regions. It will also offer the opportunities for stakeholders from the Asia-Pacific region, Arab region and beyond to exchange and learn about good practices implemented by governments and businesses in dealing with Digital Economy opportunities while the world is building back better, with the participation of champion countries from Oman, Egypt, Korea and Pakistan.

This targeted dialogue will explore what barriers countries and businesses have faced when trying to produce and develop their digital economies; what policy responses have been taken; and – not least important – moving forward, how the economies of the Asia-Pacific region and the Arab region can advance digital economy to build more inclusive and resilient societies.

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