Inclusive Procurement Launchpad

Reducing poverty and inequalities through inclusive digitalization and human rights based procurement (Equity, digitalization, disability rights)

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Background

Cities worldwide are uniquely positioned to use their considerable purchasing power, including of information and communications technologies (ICT), to advance the human rights and digital inclusion of persons with disabilities and older persons. G3ict, through its Smart Cities for All global initiative, is partnering with the United Cities and Local Governments and World Economic Forum Secretariat for the G20 Global Smart Cities Alliance, to help cities worldwide adopt technology procurement policies that support the localization of human rights frameworks to ensure greater equity and inclusion in our communities. Under the new Inclusive Procurement Launchpad project, G3ict is working with an initial cohort of six cities, including Istanbul, Kisumu, Los Angeles, Quito, and Sao Paulo- to adopt a model policy that uses the procurement process to support more accessible digital city services for all, including persons with disabilities. The model policy was developed in response to the internationally recognized human right of Accessibility enshrined in Article 9 on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which was the first human rights framework to recognized access to information and communications technologies as a human right.

Objectives

The sessions will highlight the learnings from the first group of cities whom have gone through the training and adopted, within their specific context and regulatory framework, the model policy for inclusive public procurement of information and communication technologies. This model policy provides a human rights-based approach to how cities procure and utilize technology, critical to bridging the digital divide for persons with disabilities and older persons.

By sharing the learnings, the session has the objective of raising awareness on tangible efforts that can ensure that digitalization is shaped by human rights and identify other cities in Korea and around Asia whom may be interested to participate in the second phase of the project and promote human rights and equity at the local level.

Main Agenda

1. UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

2. Sustainable Development Goals

3. New Urban Agenda