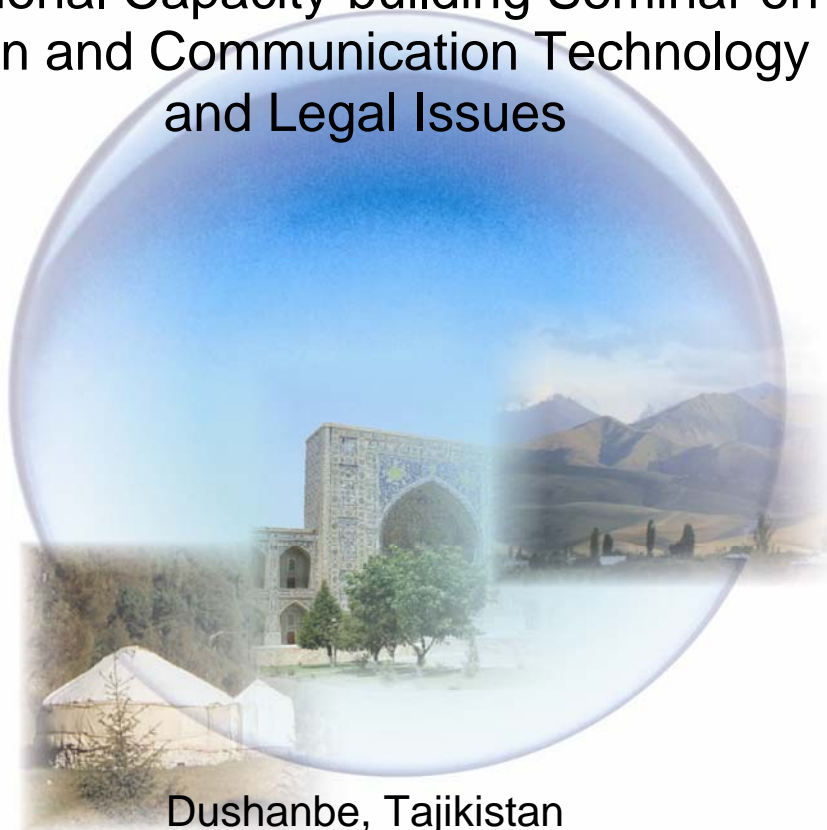




United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Programme

National Capacity-building Seminar on Information and Communication Technology Policy and Legal Issues



Dushanbe, Tajikistan
30-31 October 2007

Jointly organized with the Ministry of Transport and Communications,
Ministry of Economy and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan

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Seminar Objectives

The development of information and communications technologies (ICTs) enables businesses and individuals to communicate and engage in transactions with other parties electronically, instantaneously and internationally. This gives rise to a variety of legal and regulatory issues for policymakers, from the validity of electronic methods of contracting and the security risks associated with them, to concerns over cybercrime and the ability to protect intellectual property rights (IPR) online. ICT policymakers are constantly facing challenges in dealing with these issues. The promotion of harmonized law reforms, which would facilitate the sound development of eCommerce and related activities, ensuring that citizens have appropriate protection against harmful behaviour, is a way to address these challenges.

The National Seminar will cover legal issues in five distinct areas relevant for the sound development of eCommerce and related activities in Tajikistan, namely: legal infrastructure, legal certainty, legal security, legal protection and legal deterrence. It highlights and discusses relevant related developments, best practice initiatives at an international level for the reference of Tajik ICT policymakers.

Programme

30 October 2007

0800-0830

Registration of the Participants

0830-0900

Opening Session of the Seminar

Welcoming Statement by **Mr. Zuhurov Beq Saburovich**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications

Welcoming Statement by **Ms. Larisa P. Kislyakova**, Deputy Minister of Economy and Trade

Opening Statement by Mr. Marek Belka, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) presented by **Mr. Rumen Dobrinski**, Chief, Innovative Policies Development Section (IPDS), Economic Cooperation and Integration Division (ECID) of UNECE

0900-0945

Introduction and Overview of Key ICT Policy and Legal Issues

Introduction of the seminar and the work of the Project Working Group on ICT for Development of the United Nations Special Programme on the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) by **Ms. Michiko Enomoto**, Economic Affairs Officer, IPDS, Economic Cooperation and Integration Division of the UNECE

ICT Policy and Legal Issues for Tajikistan – key regulatory issues of ICT policymakers – an overview by **Prof. Ian Walden**, Centre for Commercial law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

0945-1015

Coffee Break

1015-1230

Session 1 – Legal Infrastructure for ICT

Instructor:

Prof. Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

Issues to be covered: legal principles, regulatory structures for ICT and ICT stakeholders, sector liberalization and harmonizing ICT laws

1230-1330

Lunch Break

1330-1515

Session 2 – Legal Certainty

Instructor:

Prof. Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

Issues to be covered: Legal recognition of electronic messages, requirements of form, retention of data messages, recognition of foreign electronic documents and signatures, admissibility of electronic evidence, formation and validity of electronic contracts, recognition by parties of data messages.

1515-1530

Coffee break

1530-1700

Session 2 – Legal Certainty (continuation of the previous session)

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0900-1030

Session 3 - Legal ICT Security

Instructor:

Prof. Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

Issues to be covered: managing ICT security risks, digital signatures, and data protection

1030-1045

Coffee break

1045-1215

Session 4 - Legal Protection in ICT

Instructor:

Prof. Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

Issues to be covered: trademarks, copyright, consumer protection

1215-1315

Lunch break

1315-1445

Session 5 - Legal Deterrents in ICT

Instructor:

Prof. Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

Issues to be covered: ICT crimes, regulating ICT crime, international cooperation

1445-1530

Session 6 - Questions and Answers

Instructor:

Prof. Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss specific issues related to the topics.

Closing session of the seminar

1530-1550

Closing statement by Ms. Anora Zokirova, Director of the State Office of Supervision and Regulation in the Field of Communication
Ministry of Transport and Communications