

**22ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM**

RESOLUTION APPF22/RES 12

**SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION, DIGITALIZATION,
AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IN PURSUING KNOWLEDGE
ECONOMY AND INNOVATIVE GROWTH**

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The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Recalling APPF Resolution on Science and Technology adopted during the 16th Annual Meeting in New Zealand that recognizes the need of skilled-workforce, international research centers and networking in supporting knowledge-based economy as the engine of growth, which also emphasized in APPF Resolution on Intensive Cooperation for Insuring the Innovative Growth adopted during the 21st Annual Assembly in Russian Federation;

Considering the alarming condition of development, socio-economic, and income gaps among Asia Pacific member countries followed by the increasing competition among developing economies;

Considering we live in an increasingly interconnected world where technology has become essential, and highlighting the relevance of information and communication technology (ICT) to safeguard not only peace but also the states social and economic development;

Mindful of the influence of technology, telecommunications and the ICTs on national programs for social and economic development, moving towards the innovation of the digital agenda becomes imperative, globally speaking;

Identifying the need to encourage stronger regional cooperation by promoting complementary economic partnership;

Acknowledging that innovation is a crucial determinant of the regional competitiveness and the key for Asia Pacific region to grasp its full potential;

Mindful that building a knowledge-based economy is the most sustainable way of pursuing growth while generating higher income and productivity;

Convinced of the need to create comprehensive digital policies that are able to converge with the competitiveness and the productive development of the nations, incorporating the technological change as a central hub in the agendas of the region's governments;

Conscious of the need to foster a digital agenda in accordance with the current scenario, to install the ICTs in the middle of the debate over equality and a successful insertion into the globalized world.

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Call upon** APPF member countries to take concrete steps in pursuing innovative growth and targeting new growth areas by providing internet access to rural areas;

2. **Acknowledge** the need to create and spread a Digital Agenda where ICTs are included as tools able to accelerate competitiveness, and to reach equality of opportunities, whose objective is to orientate all efforts to reduce the digital gap;
3. **Support** research and pro-innovation infrastructure in developing countries by expanding mutually beneficial investment in newly-targeted areas of creative industries;
4. **Encourage** the use of new environmentally-friendly skills and tools by continuous commitment to ease and simplify the process of transfer of technology;
5. **Contribute** to support all the learning processes related to technology and telecommunication innovation as well as to the development of the necessary skills to empower members of society;
6. **Assist** developing and least developed countries to restructure and rehabilitate areas that are heavily dependent on land exploitation and natural resources industries;
7. **Promote** the creation of a suitable environment for the ICTs development and venture, all the above combined with the actions of productive sectors in technological matters, strengthening innovation in this way;
8. **Promote** entrepreneurship and facilitate business start-up for Small and Medium sized Enterprises;

9. **Contribute** to the creation of an environment for digital development and foster the development of people and companies in the digital world;
10. **Improve** economic diversification by supporting innovative research, building the capacity of related actors, and increasing investment in human capital;
11. **Encourage** governments to improve the people's quality of life and foster productivity through the services offered by the digital world;
12. **Recommend** the APPF member countries to consider creating a framework for making technological innovation easier through the transnational cooperation, which becomes vital at the moment of providing the people with the greatest benefits and guaranteeing their access to the digital world as well.

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