Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and disaster risk reduction

Mr. Chairman, I would like to share the Sri Lankan experiences on ICT in Disaster management. Sri Lanka has recognized that effective warning is just one of the critical parts of a comprehensive risk management system and had taken important steps towards reducing disaster impact through ICT. Opportunities have been provided in disaster awareness and effective use of IT on disaster management in selected Information Technology Training Centres islandwide. These programmes have been effectively conducted with the assistance of UN-APCICT by giving ICT its due recognition and providing training in a participatory approach. Therefore we would like to express our gratitude for the continued support extended by UN-APCICT to Sri Lanka. Thank you.