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Asia-Pacific Development Information Programme of the United Nations Development Programme

In the Asia-Pacific region, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has established the Asia-Pacific Development Information Programme (APDIP) to promote the strategic and effective use of information and communications technology (ICT) for poverty alleviation and sustainable human development. Launched in 1997 and based in Kuala Lumpur, APDIP operates at both national and regional levels through a network of 25 UNDP country offices covering 42 countries in the Asia Pacific. At the national level, APDIP assists national and sub-national institutions by providing ICT technical and policy support as well as building capacities. At the regional level, APDIP strives to build synergies between national ICT programmes and activities and provide a regional platform to facilitate multi-country co-operative approaches to ICT for development. <<http://www.apdip.net>>



Pan Asia Networking Programme of the International Development Research Centre

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Orbicom

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