

## SUB-SESSION - 12

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### Digital transformation

#### Importance of the topic:

The pandemic has created many uncertainties in the economy, but on the positive side, it has accelerated the digital transformation. Despite the expected recovery from the pandemic in 2022, the new Russia-Ukraine conflict is once again creating uncertainty in the economy. At the same time, the key to improving the country's economic performance is to accelerate the digital transformation and create a digital economy. However, to do so, there is a need to discuss policy decisions on what the government should do and the involvement of the private sector and international organizations.

#### Purpose of the discussion:

The main objectives of the open session on "Digital Transformation" are to determine the ways to build a digital economy at a time of growing economic uncertainty and external and internal uncertainty, the involvement and collaboration of public and private sectors, and the challenges they face and the solutions. It will also aim to focus on sharing the experiences of international organizations.

#### Expected outcome of the discussion:

The key outcome is to bridge the gap between the public and private sectors, reach a consensus on the situation, and work together to find a solution. This will ensure that all parties are involved in accelerating the digital transformation in Mongolia in the future, inspired by international best practices, and encouraged to reconsider and redesign in line with the current situation.

## MODERATOR



**BAYARSAIKHAN VOLODYA**  
Founder, TOMYO

Bayar is a serial tech entrepreneur who is currently building an edtech startup TomYo to make education more accessible and affordable for every youth of Mongolia. TomYo is running mobile apps and platforms to provide easy access for youth to learn modern skills and acquire new knowledge.

Previously, Bayar has also worked as COO at AND Global, a fintech company that has successful operations in Japan, Singapore, Mongolia and the Philippines. Before joining AND Global, he worked as a product manager for global tech companies like Amazon Inc. as well as DELL EMC in the USA.

Bayar has a bachelor degree in computer engineering from Ege Universitesi, and an MBA from University of Washington.

## PANELIST



**BATSHUGAR ENKHBAYAR**  
Member of Parliament

### Employment history:

- 2008 - 2011 JPMorgan Investment Banker
- 2011 - 2012 Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the MPRP
- 2012 - 2016 Vice President of the Bank of Mongolia
- 2016 - 2021 Member of the Board of Media Holding LLC
- 2021.10.21 Member of Parliament

## PANELIST



### **ENKH-AMGALAN LUVSANTSEREN**

Member of Parliament,  
Minister of Education and Science,  
The Acting Minister of Digital  
Development and Communications

HE the Member of Parliament and the Minister Enkh-Amgalan Luvsantseren, has been working as a member of Parliament since 2012. He served as a Chairman of the Standing Committee on social policy, education, culture, and science and was the Deputy Speaker of the Parliament. From 2020, he has been serving as the Chairman of the standing committee on the state governance structure.

Before starting his career in politics, he was the Executive Secretary of Montsame agency and Il tovchoo newspaper, founder of InterPress LLC and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Unitel Group, MCS Electronics, first Vice President of MCS Group.

He has been serving as the Minister of Education and Science since January 2021 and The Acting Minister of Digital Development and Communications since January 2022.

## PANELIST



### HANNES ASTOK

Executive Director and Chairman,  
Estonian e-Governance Academy

Hannes Astok is the Executive Director and Chairman of the Management Board at the Estonian e-Governance Academy. Also, he acts as a Senior Expert. As the Senior Expert on the information society, he promotes the role of local governments and addresses challenges of mobile governance. Hannes has also trained and consulted with central and local governments in Central Asia, Caucasus, South-East Europe, the Middle East, and other transition areas. He has recently worked with the governments of Ukraine, Namibia, Moldova, Georgia, Mauritius, among other developing contexts.

From 2012 to 2013 Hannes served as the Adviser to the President of Estonia on the development of the Information Society; from 2007 to 2011 he was elected as a Member of the Estonian Parliament; and between 1997 and 2005 he served as the Deputy Mayor of Estonia's second-largest city, Tartu.

The e-Governance Academy (eGA) is a non-governmental, non-profit, non-partisan organization, founded for the creation and transfer of knowledge concerning e-governance, e-democracy, and the development of civil society, based in Tallinn and Tartu, Estonia. eGA is a joint initiative of the Government of Estonia, Open Society Institute (OSI), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), founded in 2002. eGA trains and advises leaders and stakeholders in using information and communication technology (ICT) to increase government efficiency and to improve democratic processes with the aim of building open information societies. eGA implements that mission through training, research, consultancy, and change management support. eGA's strong competencies are based on the international experience of its experts, having remarkable hands-on experience and a long track record in public sector ICT development.

## PANELIST



**MUNKHTSETSEG BAASANDORJ**  
CEO of GrapeCity Mongolia LLC

16 years of experience in banking, payments and securities market software solutions.

### Work experience

2018 - CEO, GrapeCity Mongolia LLC, 2013 - 2018 Director of Business division, GrapeCity Mongolia LLC, 2010 - 2011 Asian Development Bank, Transformational Mobile Banking project, telecommunications regulatory and mobile banking technology specialist, 2008 - 2013 Head of Payment solutions division, GrapeCity Mongolia LLC, 2006 - 2007 Asian Development Bank, Capacity Building for Financial sector Reforms project, assistant to the technology specialist, 2006 - 2008 Support engineer, GrapeCity Mongolia LLC.

### Education

2002 - 2006 Bachelors degree in applications development, University of Technology Sydney, Australia, 1999 - 2000 Turkish language preparation, Ankara University, Izmir, Turkey, 1998 - 1999 Medical equipment engineering, University of Science and Technology, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

## PANELIST



### **GABIT BAZAR**

Board Chairman, Infinite  
Solutions LLC

Gabit Bazar is the Chairman and Co-Founder of Infinite Solutions LLC, a technology and investment company headquartered in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Infinite Solutions is a global IT solution provider and investment venture with a focus on Financial Technology and Enterprise Software Solutions across the world.

Gabit is an alumnus of multiple universities, including San Jose State University and Stanford, where he completed Management Science and Engineering (MS&E). Along with his trusted partners, he has successfully built joint investments and launched successful startups in the Silicon Valley, Denver, and New York.

While his expertise includes global entrepreneurial strategy, technology architecture, and sustainable product development, he invests much of his time learning about AI/Deep Learning, EdTech, and FinTech.

Currently, he is planning to carry out the "Mongol Valley" project, which would enable numerous opportunities for Mongolian engineers living both domestically and internationally. Mongol Valley will be the gathering point of all the Mongolian unicorn projects, startups, and innovations.

## PANELIST



**MENDBAYAR TSEVEEN**  
CEO of Intelmind LLC

Mr. Menbayar Tseveen is currently running as the CEO of Intelmind, which he originally co-founded. He is a serial entrepreneur and a prominent figure in the local start-up scene. Over the last 15 years of his career, he has held numerous management positions in diverse sectors ranging from construction, energy, and technology to trading. He has led technology-driven businesses, co-founded the Intelmind Group, and successfully introduced projects such as Shoppy.mn, Cody, Joinme, and Coinhub. In recent years, he has been giving public speeches and leading panel discussions at conferences and events to motivate the youths and contribute to industry development through sharing his expertise in e-commerce, business management, and technology innovation.