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Regional Study on ICT in Basic Education, Central Asia

Developing and Implementing a National Strategy for ICT in Basic Education. Experience from Uzbekistan;

Because the 21st century will be the information and knowledge-based century there is a requirement for a country's workforce to have increasingly sophisticated skills in information access, management, processing and usage. In order to achieve this, every country must have a policy and a strategy to guide its educational investments in ICTs. In this context, the key issue is "balance". How much does Uzbekistan need to invest to achieve the planned outputs and how much can Uzbekistan afford to invest in ICT now and in the future? How is the best value for money to be achieved? How can sustainable provision be assured?

This presentation has been developed from the Uzbekistan Country Study prepared as part of the ADB-funded RETA for ICT in Basic Education in Central Asia. The presentation concentrates on:

- The objectives, phases and general approach for the implementation of the National Strategy for ICT Development in Uzbekistan;
- The details of the strategy in the short, medium and long-term period;
- The limitations, constraints and difficulties in the implementation of the National Strategy for ICT Development in Uzbekistan;
- The importance of coordination of the work related to ICT with other agencies and insurance of cooperation between all involved government agencies and international donor organizations and projects in order to avoid overlapping of the activities, provide sustainability and succession and continuity of ICT related activities.
- Cost analysis and importance of financial projections to ensure sustainability and affordability;

The presentation highlights the current stage of implementation of the National Strategy, describes its achievements, its problems and the plans of the GOU/MOPE on further steps and actions.



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She is a project management specialist with over 10 years of work experience with UN Agencies, ADB, USAID and World Bank projects and with both public and private sector organizations, including experience as Country Director of Basic Education Development Regional Project. She has proven skills in project performance planning and management systems, results-based monitoring, proposal development, socio-economic analysis, strategic planning, program/ project formulation and in social sector research. Her project management and administration skills include budgeting, financial management, human resources management, procurement and reporting.

She also has direct consultancy experience in education sector development, labour market analysis and social partnerships. She also has a strong background in the design, co-ordination and supervision of field surveys and small research programs and she also has a strong background in the design and delivery of training programs and in developing local training capacity. Malika has excellent communication skills, including fluent English and Russian, and a solid knowledge of public relations development.

