

# WORKSHOP CONCEPT NOTE FOR: Digital Economy

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**Objective & Expected Key Output(s):** *Create project concepts for digital economy enhancement in Pakistan*

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## Detailed Agenda

Event Schedule (9:30 AM - 4:30 PM)

### 9:30 - 10:00 AM: Opening Session

- Welcome Address: Highlight the seminar's objectives and urgency of digitization.
- Keynote Speech: *"Global Digital Trends and Pakistan's Position"*
  - Emphasis on Pakistan's need to adapt to prevent being left behind.

### 10:00 - 11:30 AM: Presentation of Current Projects

- Showcased Projects:
  1. Capital Markets Digital Capacity Enhancement Program.
  2. Pakistan Digital Pension Transformation Project.
  3. Software Framework Development for SME Digitization.
  4. Development of a National Escrow Platform for E-commerce.
  5. Central Bank Digital Currency for Pakistan.
  6. Digitization of the EXIM Bank of Pakistan.
  7. GreenAI Precision Farming Project.
- Case Studies: Demonstrate potential impacts using examples from Estonia, Dubai, and Singapore.

### 11:30 - 11:45 AM: Tea Break

### 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM: Collaborative Ideation Workshops

- Breakout Sessions:
  - Participants are divided into groups comprising government officials, private sector representatives, and donor agencies.
  - Focus Areas:
    1. Implementation strategies for showcased projects.
    2. Identifying bureaucratic bottlenecks and potential solutions.
    3. Brainstorming new project ideas for Pakistan's digital economy.
- Deliverables:
  - Concrete action plans for each project.
  - Recommendations for reducing bureaucratic friction.
  - A list of new project proposals.

### 1:15 - 2:00 PM: Lunch and Networking Break

### 2:00 - 2:45 PM: Case Study Analysis

- Session Topic: *"Learning from the Best: Estonia, Dubai, and Singapore"*
  - Detailed presentation of their digital governance platforms, efficient regulatory frameworks, and innovative public-private partnerships.

## **2:45 - 3:00 PM: Tea Break**

## **3:00 - 4:00 PM: Plenary Session: Realizing the Vision**

- Panel Discussion:
  - Featuring representatives from government, regulators, private companies, and multilateral agencies.
  - Topics:
    - Overcoming challenges in digitization.
    - Cross-sector collaboration for project success.
    - A long-term vision for Pakistan's digital economy.

## **4:00 - 4:30 PM: Closing Session**

- Summary and Key Takeaways: Review of critical insights and agreed-upon action items.
- Call to Action: Commit to forming task forces for implementing projects and reducing barriers.