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DIALOGUE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WITH THE SECOND COMMITTEE OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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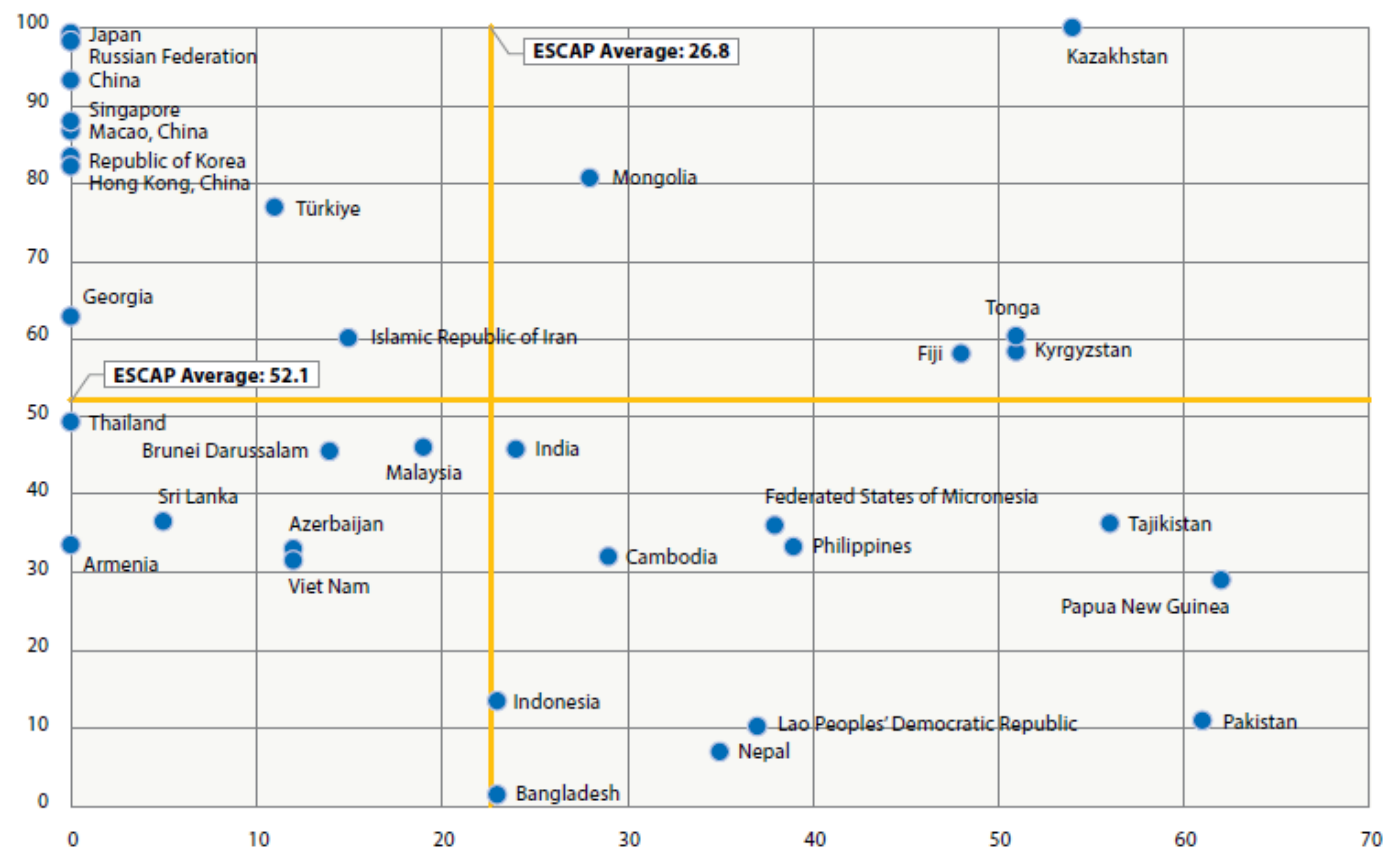
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Asia-Pacific at a crossroads of climate change, demographic shifts and digitalisation

Pace of aging and share of the labour force actively contributing to a pension scheme

Share of the labour force activity contributing to a pension scheme



Number of years until entering aged society

Source: ESCAP, 2024, Social Outlook for Asia and the Pacific



Digital divide remains a challenge

Gender Divide

In the region, **61%** of women use the Internet, against **67%** of men.



Generational Divide

13% of 75-year-olds and above use the Internet, against **97%** of 15-24-year-olds.



Disability Divide

83% of women with disabilities use a mobile phone, against **92%** of women without disabilities.

Similar results are observed among men.



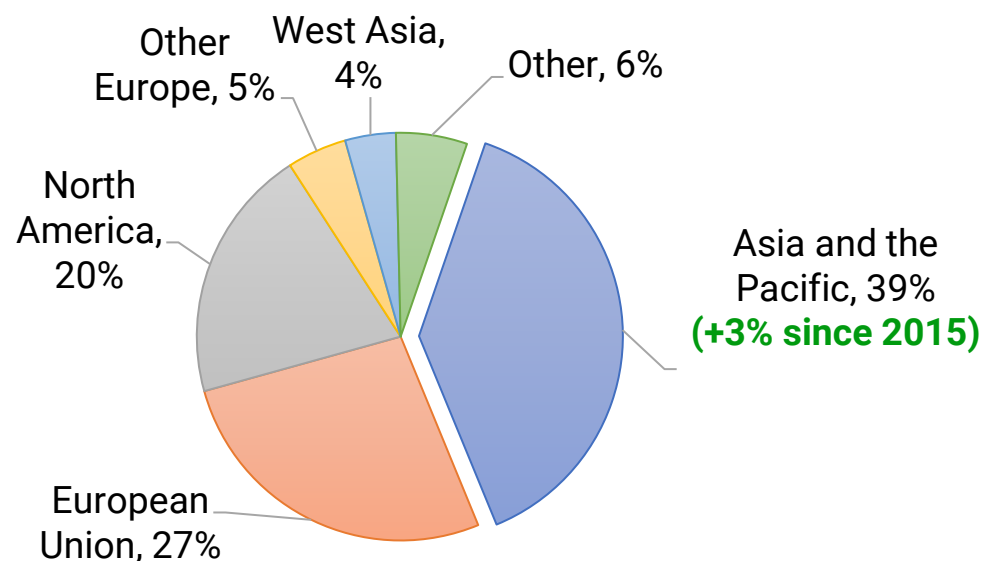
Geographical Divide

47% of people living in rural areas use the Internet, against **82%** of those living in urban areas.

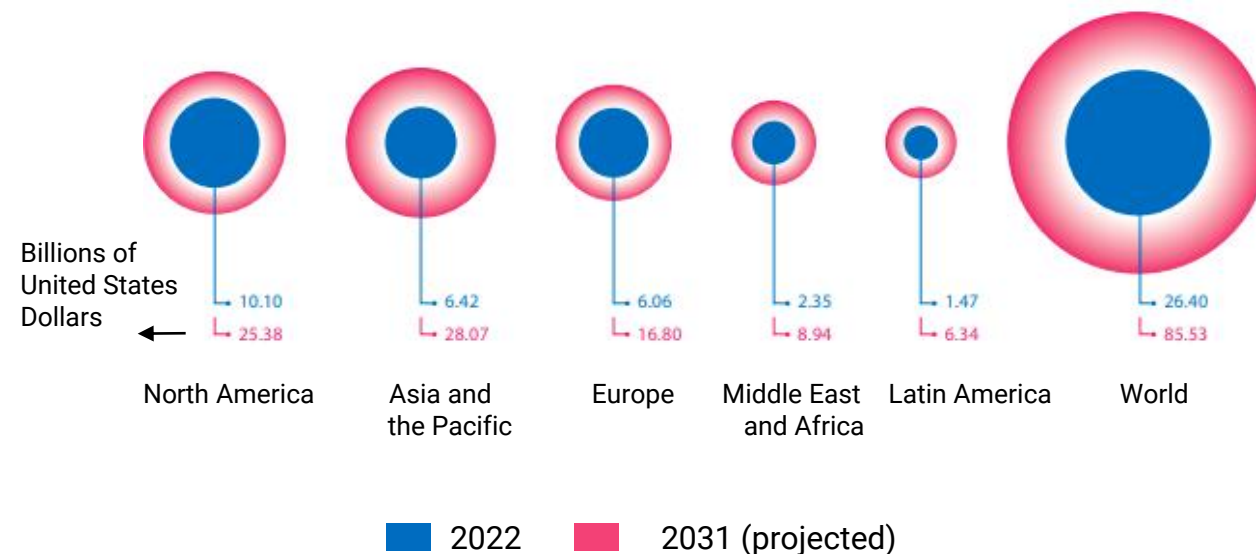


Asia-Pacific region as a leader in digital innovation

Export destinations of Asia-Pacific digitally deliverable services, 2021

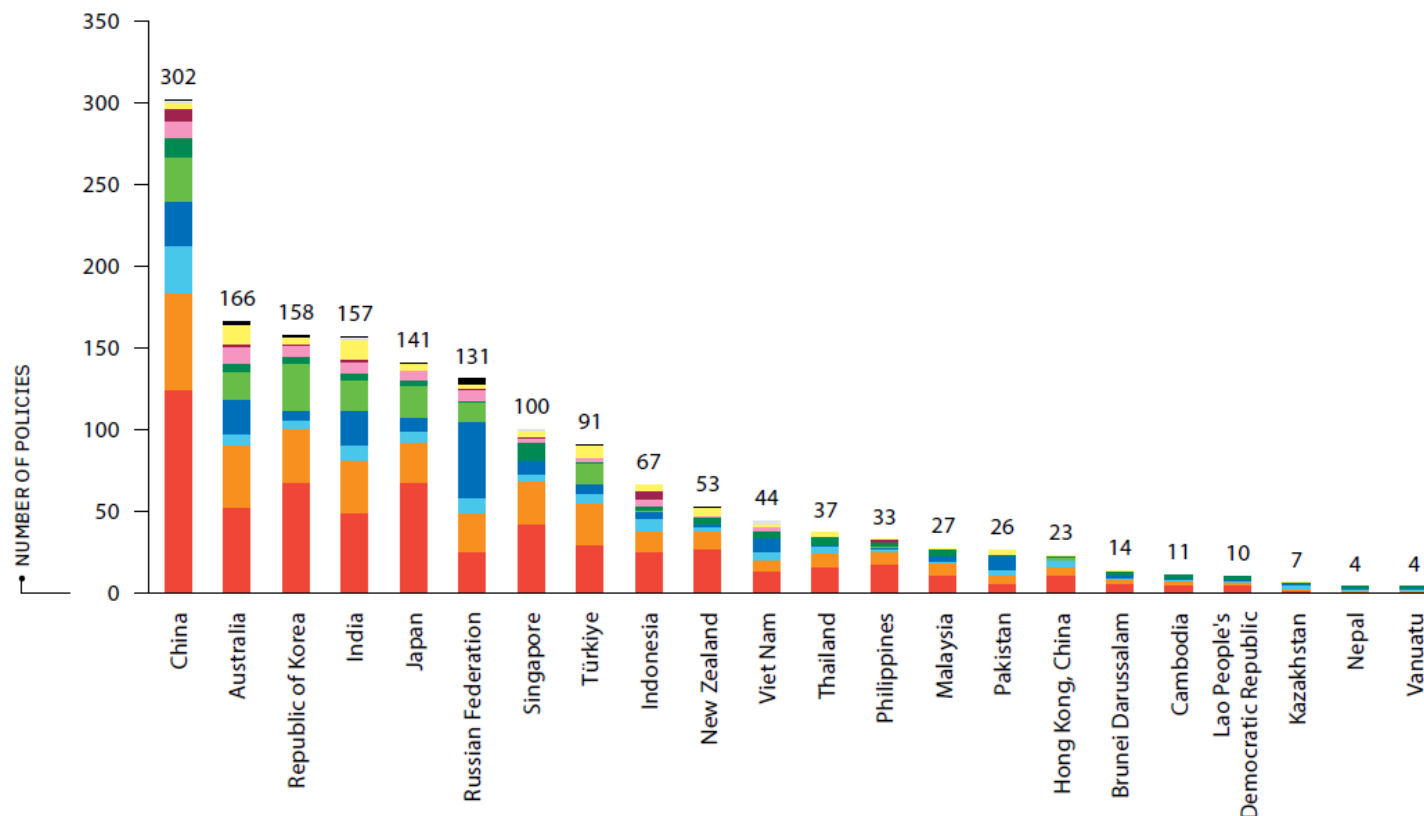


Intelligent transport systems market sizes, by region, 2022 vs 2031



Unlocking the full potential of digital and emerging technologies for economic growth

Number of digital policies adopted since Jan 2020, Asia-Pacific region



Regional cooperation facilitated by ESCAP

- Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway
- Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific

Source: ESCAP, 2024, Seizing the Opportunity: Digital Innovation for a Sustainable Future

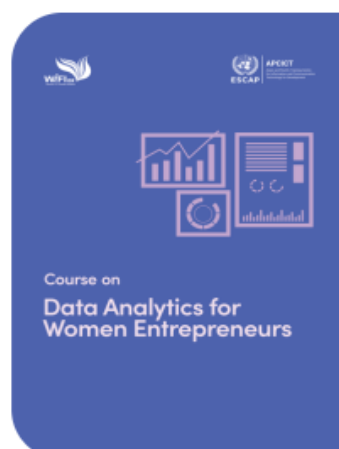
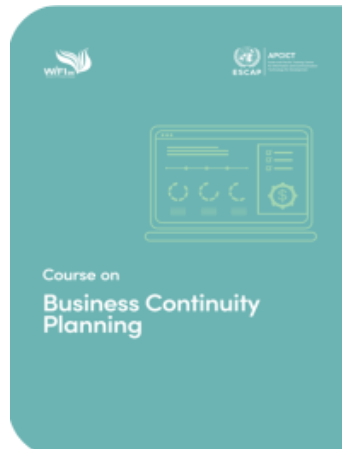
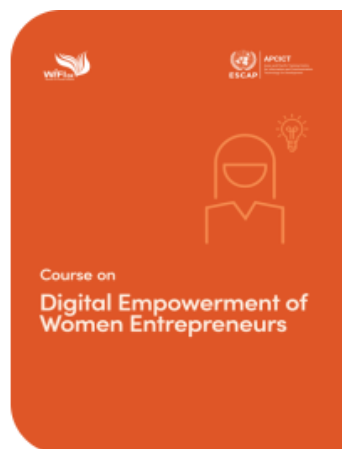
Digital transformation: Connect the unconnected



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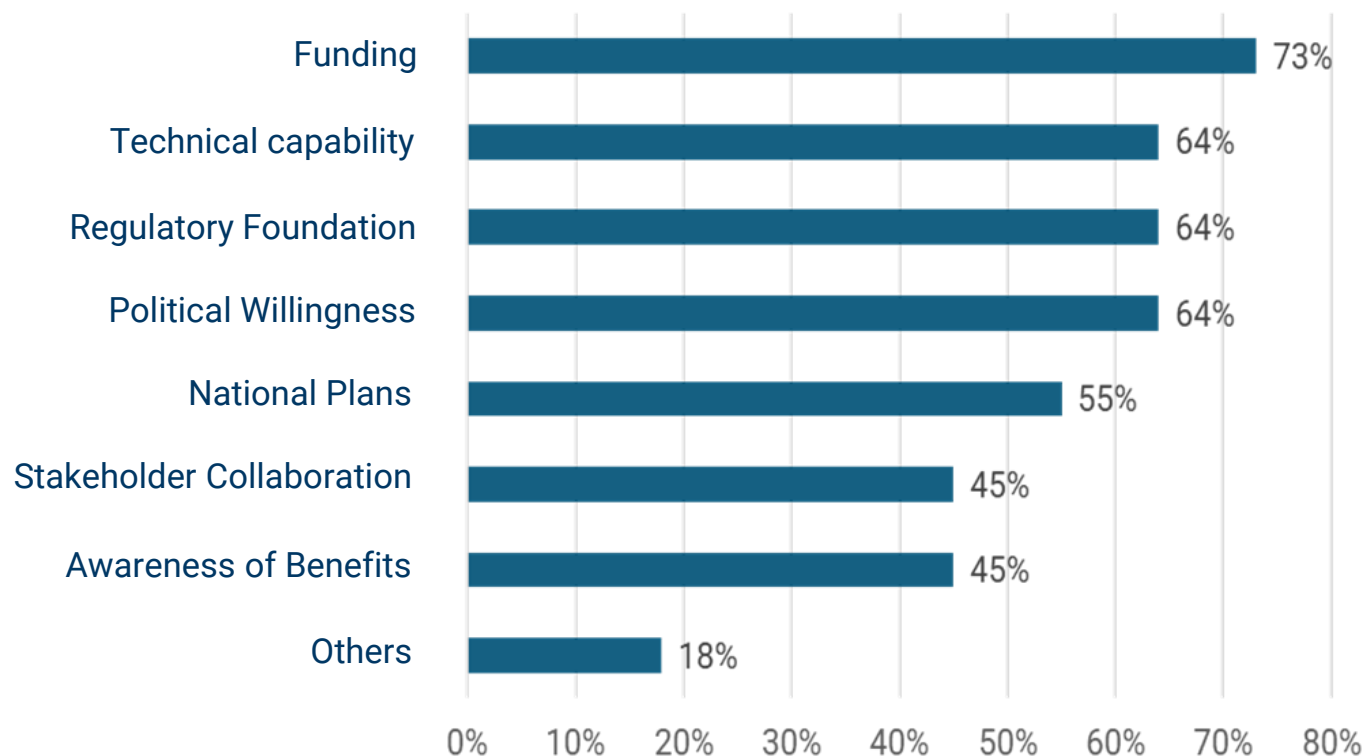
CATALYZING WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME



Female entrepreneurs in Samoa ©Samoa Observer

Digital solutions to tackle climate change

Main challenges for the Development of Smart Transport Systems

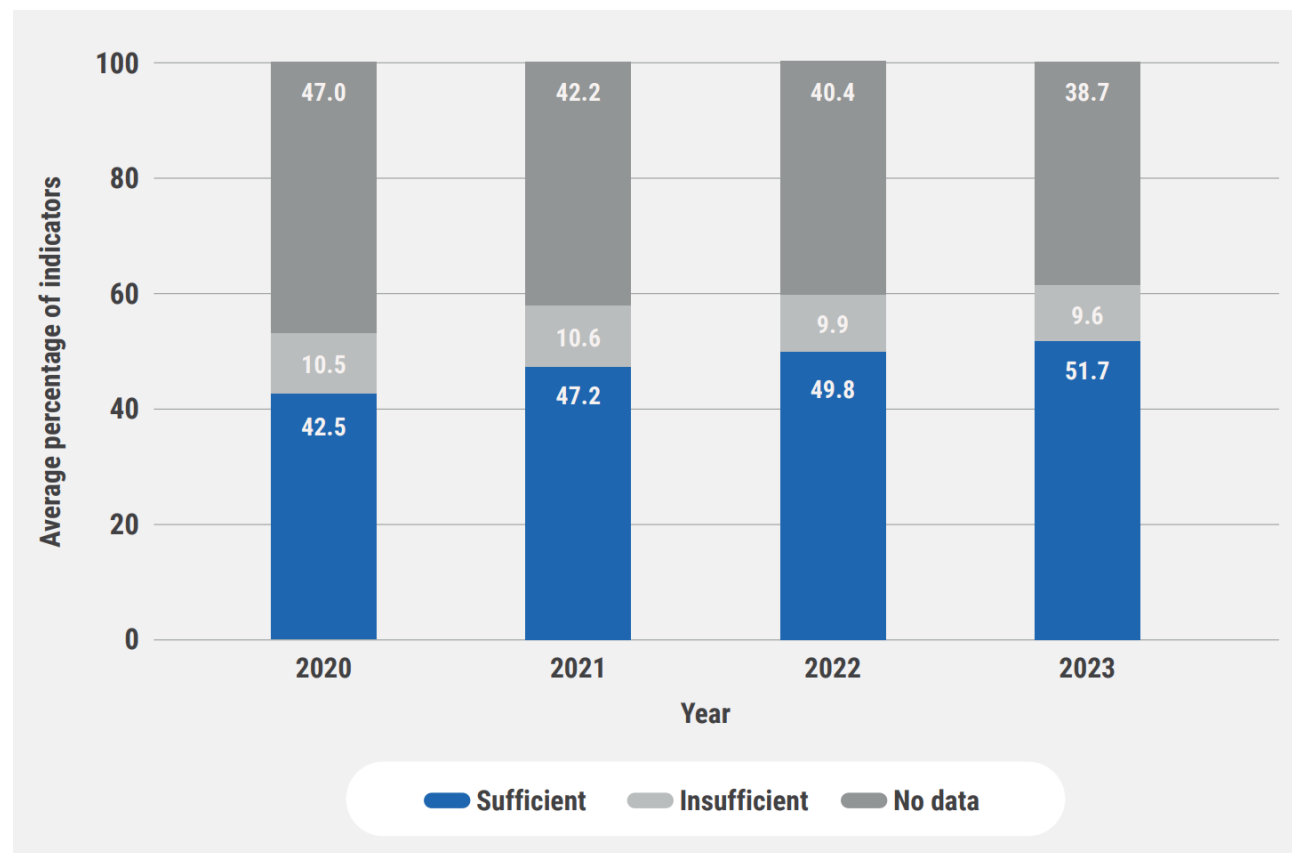


Source: ESCAP, Increasing the use of smart mobility approaches to improve traffic conditions in urban areas of South East Asia: policy guidelines



Data and financing for development critical for investing in prosperity, people and planet

Data insufficiency affects nearly half of SDG indicators in the Asia-Pacific region



Source: ESCAP, 2024, Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report



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