**Project Concept Paper**

**For**

**2026 Korea ICT Leadership Program**

**(KoIL)**

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**Ⅰ.** **Program Overview**

**◈ Introduction**

As the use of new information and communication technologies (ICT) is advancing and changing rapidly, there is a grave concern that such uneven change is further widening digital inequality. In an effort to resolve global digital polarization, the Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea (MSIT) and the National Information Society Agency (NIA) have operated Korea ICT Leadership Program.

Korea ICT Leadership Program (KoIL) invites public officials, ICT experts, CIO to share the ideas on ICT policy and technology and establish a close network between Korea and the partner country to address challenges on public services through ICT. Since 1998, 5,574 policy-makers from 137 countries have attended the Korea ICT Leadership Program.

**◈ Program Objectives**

The KoIL Program is designed to strengthen international cooperation and contribute to national informatization of partner countries by providing meetings with public officials and ICT companies in Korea, and planning joint-project with NIA to enhance the ICT policy implementation capacity of policy-makers and improve public services with ICT.

1. Expand international cooperation in the ICT field with Korea
2. Deepen insight on ICT policies and emerging technologies
3. Promote digital transformation by sharing the Korean best practices

**Ⅱ.** **Program Details**

**◈ Global ICT Leadership Forum**

1. **Overview**

* **Duration:** 2 days in November, 2026
* **Location**: Seoul, Korea
* **Language:** English
* **Number of Participants:** 10 Government officials
* **Target:** Government official in ministerial- or vice-ministerial- level of the ministry or agency in charge of ICT

1. **Contents**

* Meeting with high-level officials in the ministry of Science and ICT and NIA
* Session on ICT policy (Including speeches and panel discussion)
* Study Visit to ICT institutions of Korea
* Culture Experience

1. **Support**

* Accommodation (5-star hotel in Seoul, Korea)
* Flight fare (Round-trip) and Baggage charge
* Travel and health insurance
* It is allowed for each participant to accompany one entourage during the forum in Korea, and NIA will cover the all expenses for not only participants but also entourages

1. **Program Schedule**

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| **Date** | **Events** | **Venue** |
| Day 1 | ICT Session from Korean ICT experts | Seoul, Korea |
| Panel Discussion |
| Day 2 | Study Visit to ICT institutions of Korea |
| Cultural Experience |

**Ⅲ.** **Application**

**◈ Qualification Requirements**

* Should be a government official (Ministerial or Vice-Ministerial level) of the ministry or agency in charge of ICT
* Be able to communicate with others and write the reports in English
* Do not have any identity issues for staying in Korea

**◈ Required Documents**

Please prepare listed documents below. The documents should be delivered in two ways: One is via e-mail([koil@nia.or.kr](mailto:koil@nia.or.kr)) and the other is official application through the Ministry and the Korean Embassy in your country. Please send an e-mail before you submit the PCP and letter to the Korean Embassy for us to communicate with the Embassy before your submission.

* 1) Application Form
* 2) Official letter from the Ministry or Organization where the candidate belongs with the signature

**◈ Application Process**

**Please submit the Application Form and an Official Letter with the authorized signature and seal through the Embassy of Republic of Korea in your country, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea, and National Information Society Agency** **by the end of October, 2024**.

* 1) Ministry or Organization where the candidate belongs
* 2) Ministry in charge of ODA
* 3) Korean Embassy in your country
* 4) Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Korea
* 5) Ministry of Science and ICT and National Information Society Agency

In 2025, the MSIT and NIA will review the submitted proposals. The MSIT and NIA will send the of official invitation letter to the selected candidates in 2026.

**For additional information regarding the project, please contact** [**koil@nia.or.kr**](mailto:koil@nia.or.kr)**.**

**Application Form**

**for the Korea ICT Leadership Program**

* Type in English and print out, hand-writing is not acceptable

**Section I. Participant’s information**

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| **Basic Information** | | | |
| **Name of Country** |  | | |
| **Ministry**  **in charge of ODA** |  | | |
| **Name** |  | **Ministry/Organization** |  |
| **Department/Division** |  | **Position** |  |
| **Duties/Responsibilities** |  | | |
| **Work E-Mail** |  | **Personal E-Mail** |  |
| **Telephone Number** |  | **Mobile Number** |  |

**Section II. Qualification**

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| **English Proficiency** | | | |
| **Listening** | Excellent Fair Poor | **Speaking** | Excellent Fair Poor |
| **Writing** | Excellent Fair Poor | **Reading** | Excellent Fair Poor |
| **Mother**  **Tongue** |  | **Other**  **Language(s)** |  |

*As English is the official language used for the project, participant’s English proficiency is an important determinant for application approval.*

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| **Professional Background** (list 3 most previous positions) | | | |
| **Year(from/to)** | **Organization** | **Position** | **Responsibilities** |
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| **Educational Background** (list 3 most previous educations) | | | |
| **Institution** | **City/Country** | **Subject** | **Degree/Year Earned** |
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**Section III. Interest Survey**

**1. Describe your country’s policy priorities in the field of ICT.**

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| *○ Describe in detail the national priorities and policies related to the development of ICT and what your organization is doing to achieved those goals* |

**2****. Describe the specific area of public services that your government is interested in.**

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| *○ State the certain areas of public services that your government want to improve through ICT.  (Transportation, Manufacturing, Health, Education, Tourism, Agriculture, Finance, etc.)* |

**3. Describe the technologies in the ICT field that you are interested in.**

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| *○ State the technologies that you are interested in.  (AI, Bigdata, IoT, Cloud computing, 5G, Blockchain, Cybersecurity, Smart city, etc.)* |

**4. Describe the projects you are currently cooperating or planning to cooperate with Korean agencies or companies**

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| *○ State the title of the projects and the name of the institutes*  *○ Describe the sub-tasks and the goals of the projects.* |

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| **This report is prepared by:**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Name** |  | **Position** |  | | **Department** |  | **Telephone number** |  | | **Fax number** |  | **Email** |  |   **I confirm that I have read and understood the project overview thoroughly and the information given in this concept paper is true, complete and accurate.**  *(signature)*  *(Name of the signee)*  *DD/MM/YYYY* |