Self-Assessment of Stages of Development in Digital Government
Principle 8: Strengthen international co-operation with other governments

This overview provides a basis to identify key characteristics of countries that have achieved early, intermediate and advanced stages of development for this principle, and the practices and policies that should be considered to progress in its implementation.

CHARACTERISTICS OF EARLY STAGE DEVELOPMENT

- *Does not participate in any bilateral or multilateral co-operation mechanism dedicated to digital government*
- *Has not adhered to any international legal instrument supporting the development of digital government*

Policies and practices to be considered

☐ Integrate or develop regional and/or international co-operation mechanisms dedicated to digital government

☐ Study and adhere to international legal instruments supporting the development of digital government

CHARACTERISTICS OF INTERMEDIATE STAGE DEVELOPMENT

- *Participates in one or more bilateral or multilateral co-operation mechanism dedicated to digital government*
- *Has adhered to one or more international legal instrument supporting the development of digital government*

Policies and practices to be considered

☐ Actively work in the adoption and implementation of common principles and standards for digital government

☐ Actively participate in peer-learning and knowledge sharing meetings and activities

☐ Participate in the development of cross-border services

CHARACTERISTICS OF ADVANCED STAGE DEVELOPMENT

- *Participates in one or more bilateral or multilateral co-operation mechanism dedicated to digital government*
- *Has adhered to two or more international legal instruments supporting the development of digital government*
- *Pro-actively participates in the development and implementation of internationally agreed principles and standards on digital government*
- *Has process in place for staff exchanges or secondments with other governments to build skills and share experiences*
- *Has developed several cross-border services initiatives*
- *Participates in data sharing initiatives across borders, e.g. to support efforts to fight corruption.*

Policies and practices to be considered

☐ Develop international data and knowledge sharing infrastructure and standards
☐ Develop a strategy for the structured development of cross-border services