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| SUGGESTED INPUT TO PRELIMINARY DRAFT ITU-D ACTION PLAN 2018-2021 OBJECTIVE 4 OUTPUT 4.2 | | |

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| **Priority area:**  Strategic Plan, Action Plan, Declaration  **Summary:**  In section Output 4.2 titled "Products and services on ICT applications" under objective 4 titled "Inclusive Digital Society: Foster the development and use of telecommunications /ICTs and applications to empower people and societies for socio-economic development and environmental protection" under implementation framework programme : ICT applications it is suggested that the programme will take a lot of initiative including national strategic planning , deployment of ICT / mobile applications to improve the delivery of value added services, conduct details study and facilitate the sharing of knowledge and best practices on various ICT applications including cloud computing, sensor networks etc. In this reference it is suggested that the programme should also focus on financially inclusion technique using mobile devices so as to have inclusive growth for all people particularly those at the bottom of pyramid. Accordingly the draft has been modified.  **Expected results:**  Regional Preparatory meeting (RPM) may incorporate the suggested modification in the draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021.  **References:**  Preliminary draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021. |

**Proposal**

In section Output 4.2 titled "Products and services on ICT applications" under objective 4 titled "Inclusive Digital Society: Foster the development and use of telecommunications /ICTs and applications to empower people and societies for socio-economic development and environmental protection" under sub head implementation framework programme: ICT applications, a new point has been appended as below:

•"Conduct studies and facilitate the sharing of knowledge and best practices on various financial inclusion techniques/technologies using mobile phones/devices for all people particularly those at bottom of Pyramid"

The modified Preliminary draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021 is attached in track change mode in the word format.

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| Suggested corrections/inputs in Preliminary Draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021-objective-4, output 4.2 |

**Description**

Suggested corrections/inputs in Preliminary Draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021 under objective 4 in output 4.2 are as below:

Objective 4 – Inclusive Digital Society: Foster the development and use of telecommunications /ICTs and applications to empower people and societies for socio-economic development and environmental protection

Output 4.2

Products and services on ICT applications

1. Background

ICT and particularly Mobile technology hold the most transformative power of our time. It has the capacity to connect even the most isolated communities to sources of information and services that can have direct impact on their livelihoods and quality of life. Services delivered via phones and Internet are critical to generating social impact in different life aspects.

Despite the rapid expansion of telecommunication and mobile technologies, many people around the world still remain away from the reach of the digital revolution. Many of the digital innovations didn’t achieve yet economically sustainable scale and are accessible only to a fragment of those who need them most.

In the wake of the adoption of the new Sustainable Development Goals, mainstreaming digital innovations in all sectors is unavoidable if we are to achieve those goals by 2030. All people particularly at the Bottom of the Pyramid (BOP) should have affordable access through smart devices to key information and life-enhancing services critical for sustainable development. This would require much more than just infrastructure – extending access must be accompanied by the availability of relevant ICT applications and services to extend access to digital education, healthcare, agriculture, energy and financial and commercial services.

1. Implementation framework

**Programme: ICT applications**

The main purpose of this programme is to support the ITU membership, in collaboration and partnership with other United Nations organizations and the private sector, in fostering the use of telecommunications/ICTs in the various facets of information-society development, in particular in underserved and rural areas, and for sustainable development and attaining the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) targets.

The programme will:

* elaborate national strategic planning frameworks and associated toolkits for selected ICT applications and services, in close collaboration with related UN specialized agencies and programmes and other international organizations with expertise in these domains. These frameworks and toolkits facilitate the elaboration of national sectoral e strategies and build capacity among the ITU membership to articulate national visions, objectives, strategies, action plans and performance indicators to support the implementation of large scale ICT applications and services that leverage existing infrastructure more effectively. This will result in effective harnessing of ICTs to better serve socio-economic development;
* support the deployment of ICT/mobile applications to improve the delivery of value added services in high-potential areas like e-health including mobile health, education, agriculture, governance, energy, mobile payment, etc., and to demonstrate and introduce the most suitable ICT utilization and applications to solve the existing challenges in sustainable development. The programme will act as a catalyst by launching appropriate partnership platforms – involving public and private partners – in order to foster the deployment of innovative ICT applications;
* conduct detailed studies and facilitate the sharing of knowledge and best practices on various ICT applications, particularly using broadband, mobile communication, open source and new technology advances and innovations such as cloud computing, sensor networks, Internet of things, M2M communications, intelligent terminals, social networks, etc., with the aim of improving citizens' access to value added services in areas like health, education, agriculture, governance, etc., and taking into consideration the means available for implementation (whether wireline, wireless, terrestrial, satellite, fixed, mobile, narrowband or broadband).
* **Conduct studies and facilitate the sharing of knowledge and best practices on various finacial inclusion techniques/technologies using mobile phones/devices for all people particularly those at bottom of Pyramid**

**Relevant regional initiatives**

The following regional initiatives will contribute to Outcome 4.2, consistent with WTDC Resolution 17 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)

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**Study group Questions**

The following study group Questions will contribute to Outcome 4.2

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| Study Group X Questions |
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1. References to WTDC Resolutions, WSIS Action Lines and Sustainable Development Goals

**PP and WTDC resolutions and recommendations**

The implementation of PP Resolution 139, 183, 201, WTDC Resolutions 17, 21, 30, 32, 37, 50, 52, 53 and 54 will support Output 4.2 and will contribute to the achievement of Outcome 4.2

**WSIS action lines**

The implementation of the WSIS Action Lines C7 will support the Output 4.2 and will contribute to the achievement of Outcome 4.2

**Sustainable Development Goals and Targets**

Output 4.2 will contribute to the achievement of the following UN SDGs: 2 (targets 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5), 3 (targets 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.a, 3.7), 4 (targets 4.1, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.c), 6 (targets 6.1, 6.4, 6.5), 7 (targets 7.1, 7.2, 7.3), 11 (targets 11.2, 11.6)

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