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Status update of
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Regional Initiatives

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ABOUT BDT PROJECTS

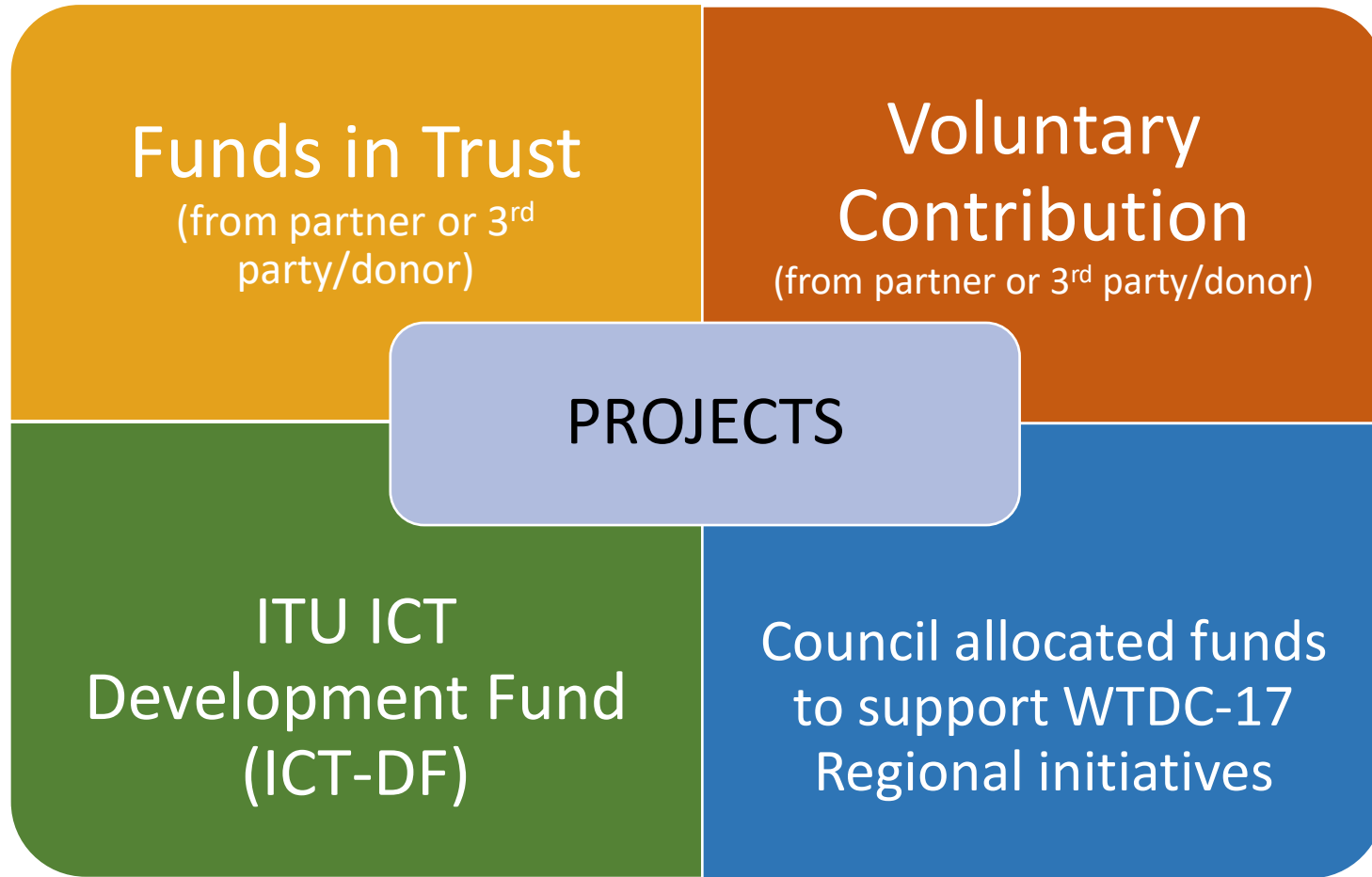
Our projects can be classified as:

Global

Regional

National

Funding mechanisms for ITU projects



- ITU is not a funding entity, but a specialized agency of the UN and executing agency.
- Scope and scale of projects depend on the capacity of beneficiaries and partners to mobilize financial support.

About in-kind contributions from partners

- A voluntary contribution in kind is the act by which a person or legal entitle provides work, goods or services free of charge to an entity.
- Voluntary contributions in kind may take several forms. If these voluntary contributions are significant, quantifiable and measurable, then they are valued through ITU's accounting system.
- They can be represented by :
 - work contributions: volunteer work, staff provided by a public or private organization, unpaid time spent on project management
 - asset contributions: any property that is returned in full ownership to the project ;
 - contributions in services: provision of premises, equipment, free supplies of services.
- On the date they become part of the project's assets, goods received free of charge are recorded at their market value.
- The market value of goods received free of charge corresponds to the price that would have been paid under normal market conditions.
- The IPSAS rules make it mandatory to provide information on voluntary contributions in kind.

About WTDC Regional Initiatives (RIs)

- **Regional initiatives** (RIs)
 - adopted in World Telecommunications Development Conferences (WTDC);
 - RIs were introduced at the fifth WTDC, held in 2010 in Hyderabad;
 - they address specific ICT priority areas, through partnerships and resource mobilization to implement small-, medium- and large-scale projects;
 - The current cycle of RIs adopted at WTDC-17 covers the implementation period of 2018 to 2021.
 - Under each RI, projects are developed and implemented to meet the region's needs.
- **ITU supports implementation** of RIs within its dual responsibility as:
 - a United Nations specialized agency
 - and executing agency for implementing projects under the UN development system
- ITU can also support to **mobilize financial resources**
 - To provide seed funding via ICT-DF funds and Council allocated funds to support implementation of WTD-17 RIs (RI funds)
 - to facilitate seeking funding arrangements from third parties (resource mobilization)

Financial resources from ITU for co-financing RIs

Source	Details	Contribution from partner
ITU Operational Plan (OP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITU regular budget. Defined annually by BDT management based on the ITU-D Thematic Priorities. • Activities supported by OP may lead to projects in the future • Actions normally between 5k to 30-50k 	OP activities don't require a partner, although contribution from partner(s) are welcome to increase impact
ITU ICT Development Fund (ICT-DF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources to finance projects with at least one partner • Projects should include at least one country from LDCs, SIDS, LLDCs and economies in transition • Project intervention should fall into specific categories linked to the ITU-D Thematic Priorities 	<p>Partners are expected to finance 75% of the expected project cost.</p> <p>Note: On exceptional basis, the ICT-DF may finance more than 25%</p>
Council allocated funds to support WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives (RI Funds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of funds provided by Council 2018 to provide seed funding in support of projects linked to WTDC-17 regional initiatives. • CHF 5 million to be allocated in projects during the 2018-2021 period. 	Partners are expected to finance ideally 50% of the expected project cost.

A focus on WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives for AMS

RI	Short name	Regional Initiative
AMS 1	Disaster Communication	Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Communications
AMS 2	Spectrum & Digital Broadcasting	Spectrum management and transition to digital broadcasting
AMS 3	Broadband	Deployment of broadband infrastructure, especially in rural and neglected areas, and strengthening of broadband access to services and applications
AMS 4	Accessibility & Inclusiveness	Accessibility and affordability for an inclusive and sustainable Americas region
AMS 5	Digital Economy & Innovation	Development of the digital economy, Smart Cities and Communities (SCC) & Internet of Things (IoT), promoting innovation

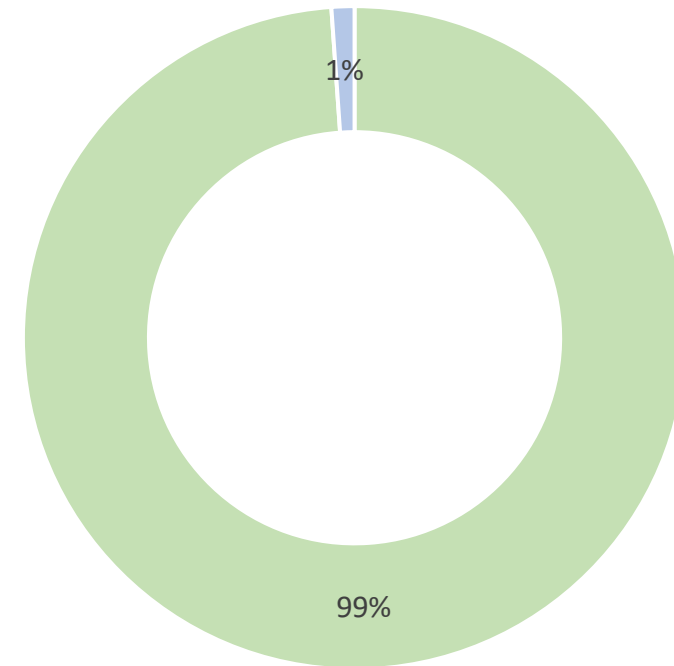
STATUS OF PROJECTS IN AMS REGION

Overview of ITU Projects in the Americas

Portfolio of national/regional projects

Row Labels	Number of Projects	Partner Contribution	ITU Contribution	Total (CHF)
National	8	41,965.2	267.6	42,232.9
Regional	2	188'600	288.6	477.2
Grand Total	10	42,153.9	556.2	42,710.1

Distribution of Projects in AMS by project budget



■ National ■ Regional



Detailed information on ongoing projects in AMS

(WTDC-17 Action Plan implementation: National and regional projects)

Short Title	Status	External Funds	ITU Funds	Total Project Budget (CHF)	Thematic Priority(ies)	Main RI Activated
ICTs in emergency in the Caribbean	Ongoing		100'000	100'000	Emergency telecommunications	AMS 1: Disaster Communication
Americas Girls Can Code	Ongoing	188'600	188'600	377'200	Regional / RDFs	AMS 4: Accessibility & Inclusiveness
Spectrum Monitoring Cuba	Ongoing	126'935	267'607	394'543	Network infrastructure & management	AMS 2: Spectrum & Digital Broadcasting
Argentinian Universities in ITU	Ongoing	64'209	-	64'209	Capacity Development	AMS 5: Digital Economy & Innovation
Quality of Service Barbados	Ongoing	117'875	-	117'875	Network infrastructure & management	AMS 3: Broadband
CIRT Bahamas	Ongoing	344'667	-	344'667	Cybersecurity	
Regulatory environment digital transformation Brazil	Ongoing	6'601'000	-	6'601'000	Policy and regulation	
Support to ANATEL, Brazil	Ongoing	34'293'821	-	34'293'821	Capacity Development	
Assistance to Colombia on IMT	Ongoing	201'781	-	201'781	Network infrastructure & management	AMS 2: Spectrum & Digital Broadcasting
FIGI Mexico	Ongoing	215'004	-	215'004	Policy and regulation	AMS 5: Digital Economy & Innovation
		42'153'892	556'207	42'710'099		

Global projects benefiting AMS (1)

Project No	Title	Themes
2GLO16081	Big Data pilots	ICT Statistics & Indicators
2GLO18094	NETPs	Emergency Telecommunications, Least Developed Countries & SIDS
2GLO18097	ITU Interactive Maps	Technology & Network Development
2GLO20104	GIGA	Digital Inclusion, ICT Applications, Spectrum management and digital broadcasting
2GLO20105	I-CoDI	Digital Inclusion, Innovation, Technology & Network Development
2GLO20109	Accessibility Online Job Systems	Digital Inclusion, ICT Applications
2GLO20110	Broadband Connectivity LMC	Capacity Building, Technology & Network Development
7GLO03043	Emergency-LDC	Emergency Telecommunications, Least Developed Countries & SIDS

Global projects benefiting AMS (2)

Project No	Title	Themes
7GLO20106	Digital Ecosystem and Skills for Women EIF	Digital Inclusion, Least Developed Countries & SIDS
7GLO20108	DTCs	Capacity Building, Digital Inclusion
9GLO13072	mHealth for NCDs	ICT Applications
9GLO15077	eMCM Master	Capacity Building
9GLO18090	National Spectrum Workshops	Spectrum management and digital broadcasting
9GLO19099	Assistance National Spectrum Mng Systems	Spectrum management and digital broadcasting
9GLO19100	Capacity Building ICT innovation	Capacity Building, Innovation

ITU Resources allocated to RI in AMS region (in k CHF)

Source of ITU funding	Multi	AMS-1	AMS-2	AMS-3	AMS-4	AMS-5	Total Funds allocated
OP actions		18.9	42.7	101.5	131.5	51.9	346.5
Projects		100.0	0.0			0.0	100.0
RI Projects		200.0			200.0		400.0
Total		318.9	42.7	101.5	331.5	51.9	846.5

Total funds mobilized through ITU contribution (in k CHF)

Source of ITU funding	In-cash external	ITU ICT-DF	OP and RI funds	Total ITU Funds	Total project funds
OP budget			346.5	346.5	346.5
Regular projects	840.1		100.0	100.0	940.1
RI Council appr. funds	414.0		400.0	400.0	814.0
Total	1,254.1		846.5	846.5	2,100.6



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