ITU and Digital Transformation

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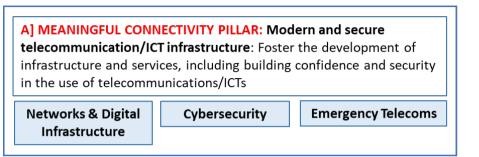25-26 November 2020**

What we do
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KEY ROLE

Spread equitable and affordable **access to telecommunications** to help stimulate social, economic and human development.

Strengthen capacities in developing and least developed countries in the field of digital technologies.

Helps to ensure that people everywhere are empowered **to reap the benefits that connectivity delivers – e.g. digital skills, locally relevant content in the language spoken.**

BDT Digital Transformation Framework

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A] MEANINGFUL CONNECTIVITY PILLAR: Modern and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure: Foster the development of infrastructure and services, including building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs

- Networks & Digital Infrastructure
- Cybersecurity
- Emergency Telecoms

B] DIGITAL SOCIETY PILLAR: Inclusive digital society: Foster the development and use of telecommunications/ICTs and applications to empower people and societies for sustainable development

- Digital Inclusion
- Digital Services & Applications
- Environment

C] Enabling environment PILLAR: Foster an enabling policy and regulatory environment conducive to sustainable telecommunication/ICT development

- Policy and Regulation
- Statistics
- Digital Innovation Ecosystems
- Capacity Development

D] Coordination PILLAR: Foster international cooperation and agreement on telecommunication/ICT development issues

- Engagement (WTDC, TDAG, RDFs, etc)
- ITU Study Groups
- Projects
- Partnerships & Membership

BDT Thematic Priorities Summary
To facilitate coordination and synergy across key programmes, projects, and initiatives, BDT has adopted a "cluster-based approach" on 10 thematic priorities (1/2):

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BDT Thematic Priority	WTDC Programmes	Regional Initiatives	Study Group Questions
Capacity Development	Capacity building and human skills development	AFR1; 2; 4 - AMS2 - ARB1; 2; 4; 5 - ASP1; 2; 3;4 - CIS1; 2; 3; 4; 5 - EUR1; 2; 3; 5.	Cuts Across all Questions
Cybersecurity	Cybersecurity	AFR3 - ARB3 - ASP5 - CIS3 - EUR4	Q3/2
Digital Inclusion	Digital inclusion for empowering women & girls, People with disabilities and other people with specific needs	AFR1; 2; 3 - AMR4; 5 - ARB5 - ASP2;3 - CIS 2; - EUR 3	Q7/1
Digital Innovation Ecosystems	Innovation	AFR1 - AMS5 - ARB5 - ASP4 - CIS3; 5 - EUR 5	Q1/2
Digital Services & Applications	Telecommunication/ICT services and applications	AFR1; 2;3 - AMS4 - ARB3;4 - ASP2; - CIS1;2 - EUR2; 5	Q1/2; Q2/2

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Emergency Telecommunications	Disaster risk reduction and management and emergency telecommunications	AMS1 - ARB1 - ASP5	Q5/2
Environment	Climate change adaptation and mitigation	AMS1 - AMS5 - ARB1 - ASP5 - CIS5	Q6/2
Networks & Digital Infrastructure	Telecommunication/ICT network infrastructure and services	AFR2 - AFR5 - AMS2 - AMS3 - ASP3 - CIS3 - CIS5 - EUR1	Q7/2; Q1/1; Q2/1; Q5/1
Policy & Regulation	Policy and regulatory environment	AFR3 - AMS3;5 - ARB3 - ASP4 - CIS3 - EUR1	Q1/1; Q3/1; Q4/1; Q6/1
Statistics	ICT data and statistics	Cuts Across all RIs	Cuts across all Questions

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