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Please note that submitted information will be presented during the RDF-ARB P2C Roundtables and it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner 2 Connect Digital Coalition.

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TITLE: [UAE Digital Identity]

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION: [Provide a brief description up to 500 words]

Under the Focus Area of "Value Creation: Building digital ecosystems" The UAE Pledged that 80% of its citizens will have a national digital identity by 2025.

The UAE Pass is the United Arab Emirates' secure national digital identity for citizens and residents. It was introduced as a part of the UAE's ongoing efforts to digitize government services and provide a unified digital identity platform for citizens, residents, and businesses in the country. It has also been proactive in adapting to emerging technologies and has embraced innovations such as biometric authentication, mobile app integration, and block chain-based solutions to enhance security, accessibility, and interoperability. These technological advancements have further strengthened the UAE Pass's position as a leading digital identity platform in the region that in 2021, The UAE Pass had reached 5,800,000 Users, 1 million Shared documents and 1.36 Million digital signature.

COUNTRIES in FOCUS:

- The UAE
- Arab states

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION:

☒ 2023

☒ 2024

☒ 2025

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☒ ARB1: Sustainable digital economy through digital transformation.

including Pacific Island countries, and landlocked developing countries

☒ ARB2: Enhancing confidence, security and privacy in the use of telecommunications/Information and communication technologies in the era of new and emerging digital technologies.

☒ ARB3: Developing digital infrastructure for smart sustainable cities and communities.

☒ ARB4: Building capacities and encouraging digital innovation, entrepreneurship and future foresight.

☒ ARB5: Developing means of digital regulation.

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https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Pages/regional-initiatives-2023-2025.aspx

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☐ Affordable connectivity

☒ Digital Transformation

☐ Enabling policy and regulatory environment

☒ Resource mobilization and international cooperation

☐ Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

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☐ Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services.

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☒ Inclusive and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services.

☒ Digital applications.

☒ Enabling environment.

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