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Digital transformation and innovation for a sustainable and equitable digital future: Supporting the SDGs

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

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TITLE: Connecting 1 billion underserved people in Asia Pacific with affordable and accessible connectivity in the next 5 years

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

Kacific re-pledges our dedication to the ITU Partner2Connect initiative, to connect 1 billion unserved people in Asia Pacific in the next 5 years with Kacific-1 and Kacific-2.

To date, our first Geostationary satellite Kacific-1 covers 470 million people in 25 regions of Asia Pacific, and we pledge to continue bridging the gap for the unconnected in this regions. As of now, we have connected over 3000 educational institutions, 400 healthcare institutions, and created more than 2000 indirect job opportunities, encouraging economic and social inclusion, and directly contributing to SDG 3 - Good health and well-being. SDG 4 - Quality education, and SDG 9 - Industry, innovation and infrastructure. The launch of Kacific-2 in 2027 will further our mission by connecting an additional 1 billion unserved and digitally isolated communities which will span across 9 new markets on top of our existing 25 regions.

We will also share updates on the progress of Kacific-2, as well as our recent collaborations with the private sector to bolster our efforts to expand the reach of impactful initiatives in school and hospitals.

COUNTRIES in FOCUS: [Name countries to be impacted by this action]

Afghanistan, American Samoa, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Indonesia, India, Kiribati, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Vietnam.

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

X 2023

X 2024

X 2025

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

☐ ASP1: Addressing special needs of least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific island countries, and landlocked developing countries

X ASP2: Harnessing information and communication technologies to support the digital economy and inclusive digital societies

X ASP3: Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity and connecting the unconnected

☐ ASP4: Enabling policy and regulatory environments to accelerate digital transformation

☐ ASP5: Contributing to a secure and resilient information and communication technology environment

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22,

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/v2/2023/ITU-Asia-and-the-Pacific-Regional-Initiatives-(2023-2025).aspx

RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2022

X Affordable connectivity

☐ Digital Transformation

☐ Enabling policy and regulatory environment

☐ Resource mobilization and international cooperation

☐ Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

Please find more information on the ITU-D Priorities, as defined by WTDC-22, here.

RELATED ITU PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE 2022

☐ Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services

☐ International telecommunication numbering resources

X Inclusive and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services

☐ Digital applications

☐ Enabling environment

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