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13-15 September Bangkok, Thailand



Outcome of Plenipotentiary Conference – 22 (PP-22)



PP-22 Elections





Source: ITU News (No 5, 2022)



ITU new management 48 Member States to regionally allocated seats on the ITU Council 12 members to serve on the Radio Regulations Board

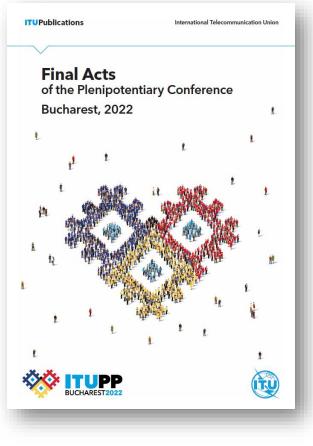




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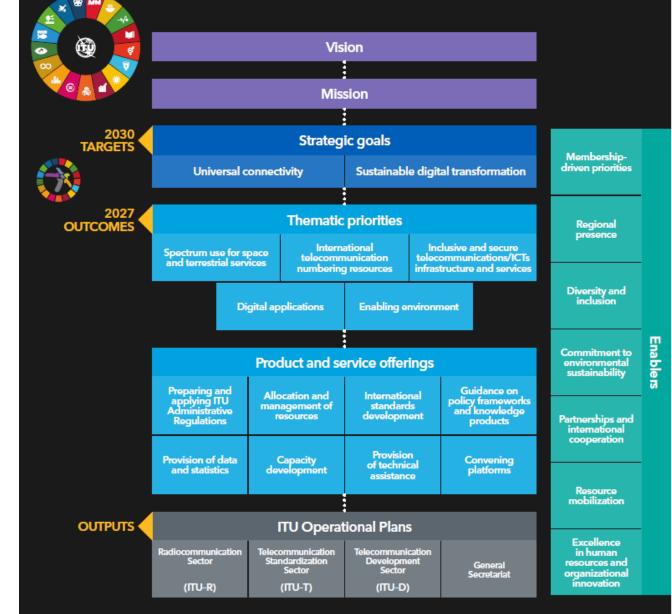
- Applying artificial intelligence (AI) technologies for good
- Confidence-building and sustainable development in outer space
- Empowering women and girls through digital transformation
- Frequency assignments by military radio installations for national defence services
- How new technologies can mitigate, rather than exacerbate, the climate crisis
- How technologies can protect against global pandemics
- The Internet of Things (IoT) for smart and sustainable cities and communities

ITU Strategic Plan

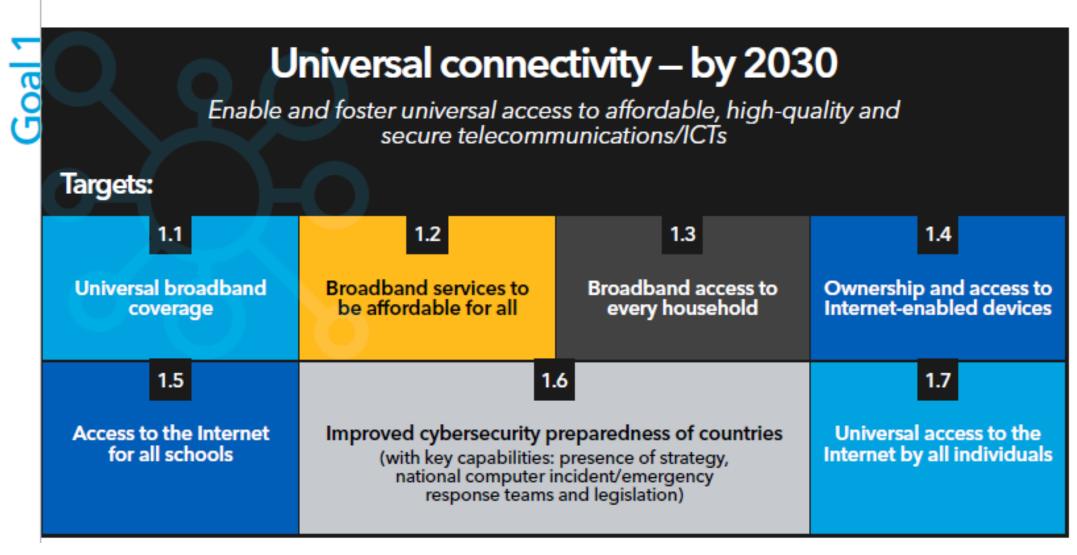


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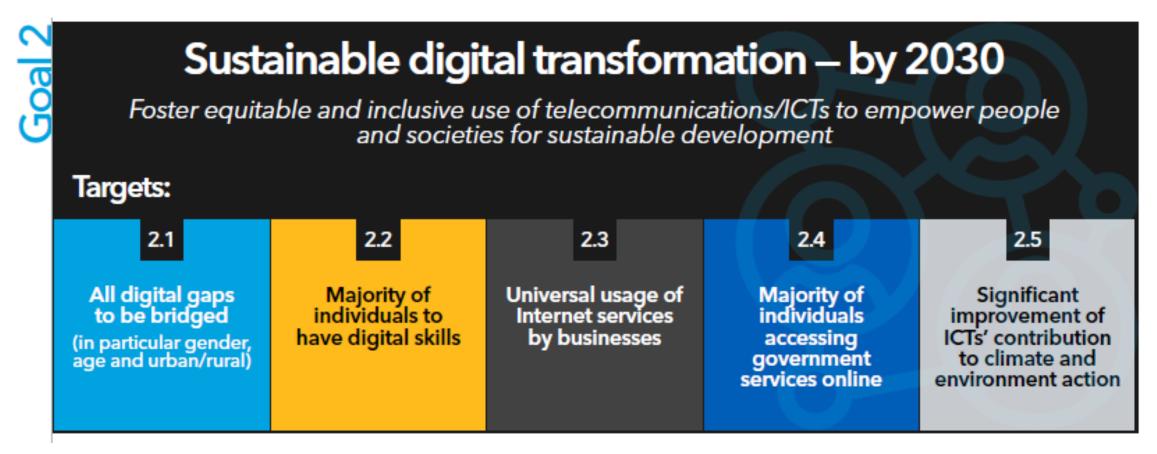
ITU Strategic Plan 2024-2027 Strategic framework



ITU Strategic Plan – Goal 1



ITU Strategic Plan – Goal 2



Source: ITU News (No 5, 2022)

WTDC-22



6-16 June 2022 Kigali, Rwanda

KIGALI2022

Outcomes:

Kigali Declaration

Reinforcing the political support for the mission and strategic objectives of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D)

ITU-D's contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2024-2027

Kigali Action Plan

Regional initiatives; new and revised resolutions and recommendations; new and revised questions to be studied by ITU-D Study Groups

A rich two-week programme featuring:

A high-level plenary segment

Strategic discussions



Generation Connect Global Youth Summit Partner2Connect Digital Development Roundtable Launch of the Global Connectivity Report

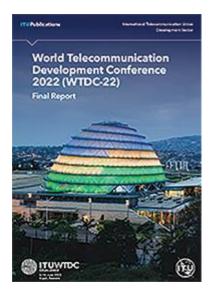
Network of Women (NoW) events

Annual meeting of the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development

2152 participants (150 Member States, 96 companies and organizations, Academia, UN System)

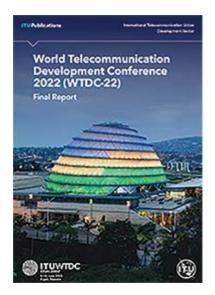
Source: ITU News (No 3, 2022)

Study Groups



Study	y Group 1	Enabling
Q1/1	Strategies and policies for the deployment of broadband in developing countries	environment for meaningful
Q2/1	Strategies, policies, regulations and methods of migration to and adoption of digital technologies for broadcasting, including to provide new services for various environments	connectivity
Q3/1	The use of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) for disaster risk reduction and management	
Q4/1	Economic aspects of national telecommunications/ICTs	
Q5/1	Telecommunications/ICTs for rural and remote areas	
Q6/1	Consumer information, protection and rights	
Q7/1	Telecommunication/ICT accessibility to enable inclusive communication, especially for persons with disabilities	

Study Groups



Study	Group 2	Digital
Q1/2	Sustainable smart cities and communities	transformation
Q2/2	Enabling technologies for e-services and applications, including e-health and e-education	
Q3/2	Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity	
Q4/2	Telecommunication/ICT equipment: Conformance and interoperability, combating counterfeiting and theft of mobile devices	
Q5/2	Adoption of telecommunications/ICTs and improving digital skills	
Q6/2	ICTs for the environment	
Q7/2	Strategies and policies concerning human exposure to electromagnetic fields	

New Resolutions



Digital transformation for sustainable development

Drive efforts to advance digital transformation for sustainable development, recognizing the enormous potential that information and communication technologies (ICTs) have to create positive, meaningful and lasting change.

Connecting every school to the Internet and every young person to information and communication technology services

Ensure every school is connected to the Internet through the joint ITU-UNICEF Giga initiative.

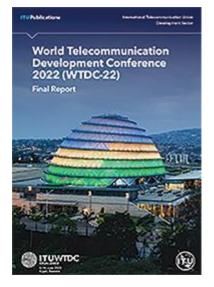
The ITU Partner2Connect Digital Coalition

Confirm the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition as the primary platform to foster new partnerships around meaningful connectivity and digital transformation globally, focusing on the hardest-to-connect communities.

Fostering telecommunication/ICT-centric entrepreneurship and digital innovation ecosystems for sustainable digital development

Create a thriving environment for entrepreneurship and digital innovation ecosystems to help accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Asia-Pacific Regional Initiatives



ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025

Asia and the Pacific

ASP1

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



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

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 ICT environment

Learn more at www.itu.int/AsiaPacific

Progress of SDGs in Asia and the Pacific

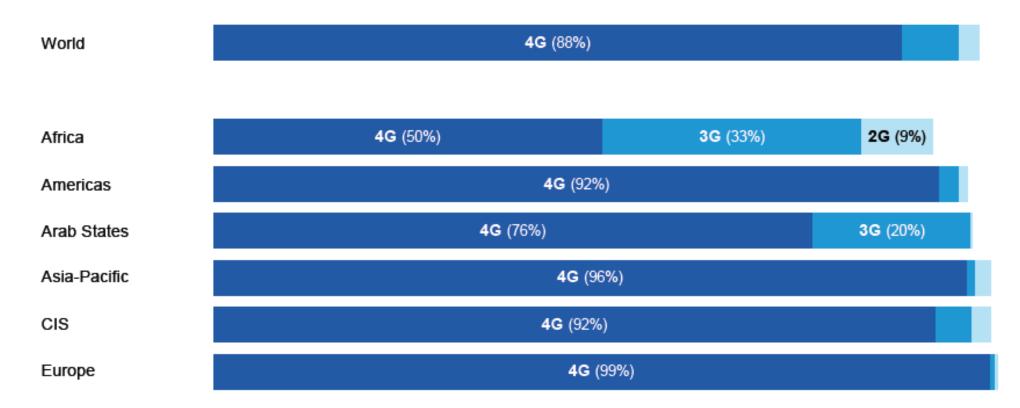


The region needs to make a lot of progress in achieving all the SDGs.

The region will miss the 2030 target by several decades

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Population coverage by type of mobile network

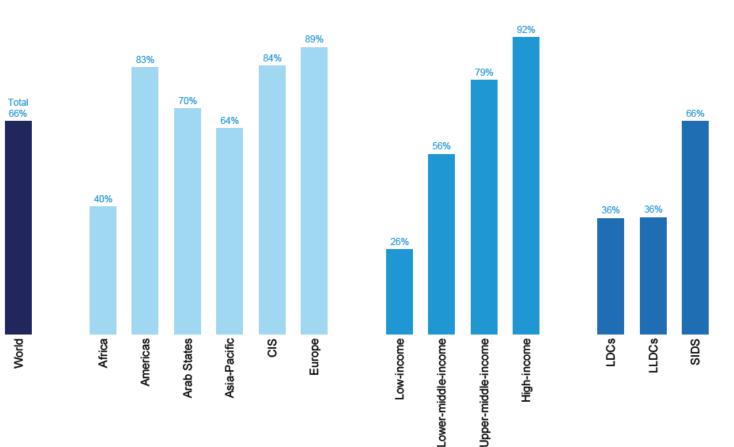
Although 96% per cent of the population in Asia-Pacific has been covered with 4G mobile network.....

Source: ITU Facts and Figures, 2022

Percentage of individuals using internet



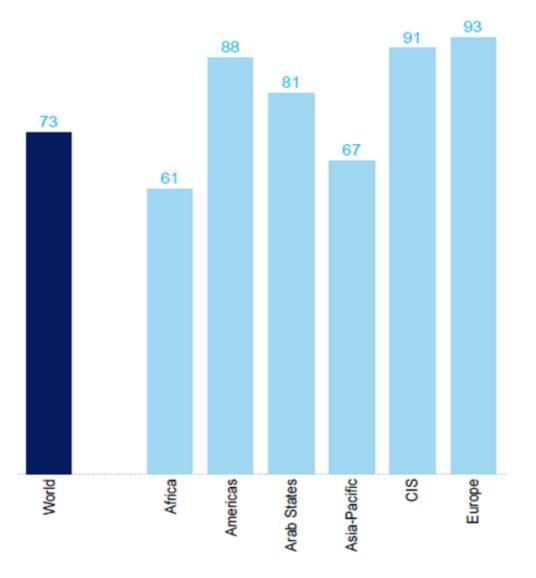
- 64 percent of the population in the region have access to the internet whereas the global average is 65 percent
- Better Service affordability and improved ICT awareness can bridge the gap



Population covered by a mobile network and individuals using mobile phones

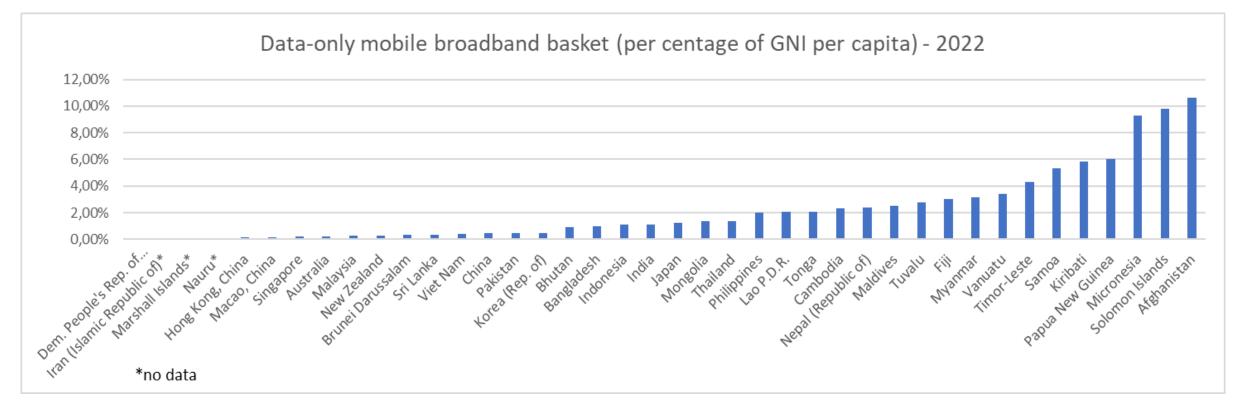


.... Only 67 per cent of individuals are likely to own a mobile phone



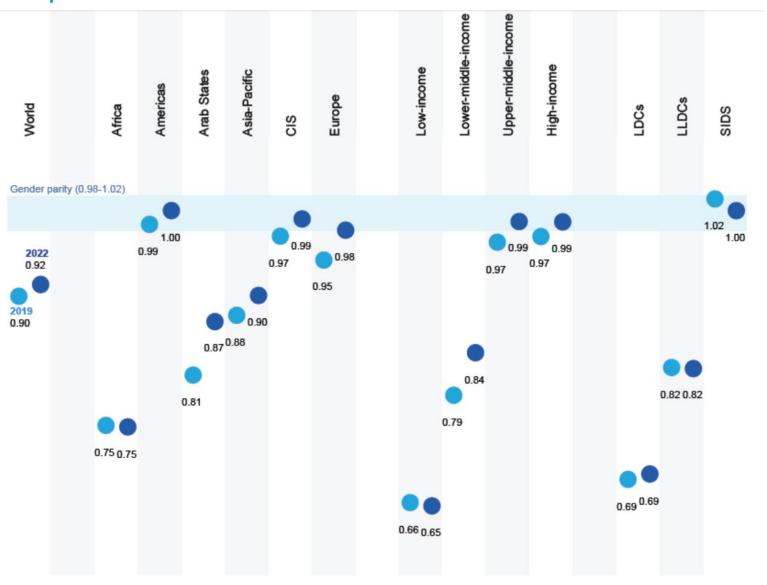
Source: ITU Facts and Figures, 2022





• Some countries require special assistance to bring their broadband market to an affordable level to ensure universal meaningful connectivity in the region.

Gender Parity in Digital Divide





There is a growth over the years in the percentage of women and men using the internet.

There is no significant change in the gender divide in terms of individuals who use the internet in the region

Cybersecurity Overview in the Region

Country Name	Overall Score	Regional Rank		
Korea (Rep. of)	98.52	1		
Singapore	98.52	1		
Malaysia	98.06	2		
Japan	97.82	3		
India	97.49	4		
Australia	97.47	5		
Indonesia	94.88	6		
Viet Nam	94.55	7		
China	92.53	8		
Thailand	86.5	9		
New Zealand**	84.04	10		
Bangladesh	81.27	11		
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	81.06	12		
Philippines	77	13		
Pakistan	64.88	14		
Sri Lanka	58.65	15		
Brunei Darussalam	56.07	16		
Nepal (Republic of)	44.99	17		
Myanmar	36.41	18		
* no data				

Country Name	Overall Score	Regional Rank
Samoa	29.33	19
Fiji	29.08	20
Papua New Guinea**	26.33	21
Mongolia	26.2	22
Nauru**	21.42	23
Tonga**	20.95	24
Lao P.D.R.	20.34	25
Cambodia**	19.12	26
Bhutan	18.34	27
Kiribati	13.84	28
Vanuatu	12.88	29
Solomon Islands	7.08	30
Tuvalu**	5.78	31
Afghanistan	5.2	32
Marshall Islands**	4.9	33
Timor-Leste**	4.26	34
Maldives**	2.95	35
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea**	1.35	36
Micronesia*	0	37

** no response to the questionnaire/data collected by GCI Team

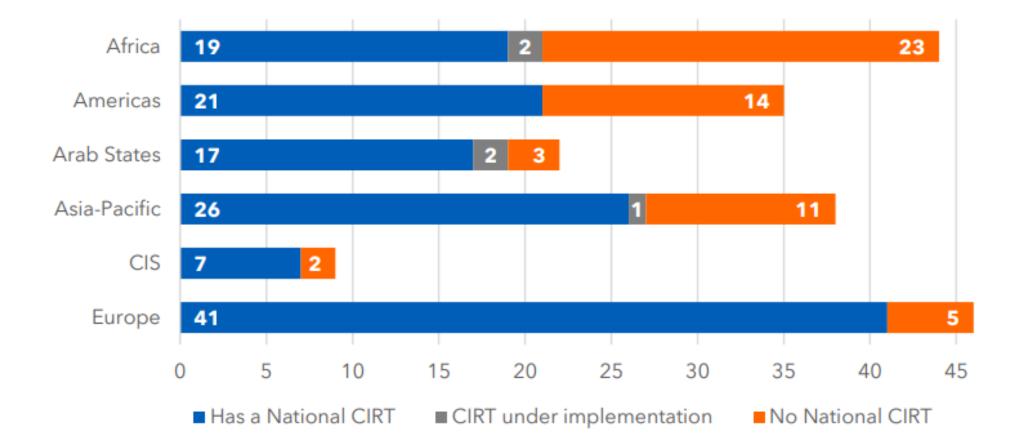
- 5 member countries in the region among the top 10 CSI ranks in the world.
- Many countries from the region fall below 100 among global rankings.

Global Cybersecurity Index: Regional Rankings 2020

Source: Global Cybersecurity Index – 2020

Cybersecurity Overview in the Region





- Number of Countries with a National CIRT

Source: Global Cybersecurity Index – 2020

Global Cybersecurity Index: Regional Rankings 2020

Activities under Expected Outcomes of each Regional Initiative



2022-2023





Enhance cybersecurity capability

- Assistance on CIRT in Kiribati, Bhutan, Mongolia
- Maturity assessment in Bhutan
- Policy paper Maldives

Facilitate universal connectivity

Improved enabling environment through Universal Service Obligation (USO) and infrastructure sharing policy support to Tonga and Vanuatu





Accelerating digital government (including masterplan, GovStack, Data Center)

- Government Data Center assessment (Bhutan)
- Whole-of-government and Govstack (Cambodia, Laos, Papua New Guinea)
- Digital government masterplan framework (Vanuatu)

Improved ICT policy and regulatory framework

- QoS/QoE guidelines in Tonga and Papua New Guinea
- National Roaming assessment for affordable broadband connectivity for all Mongolia

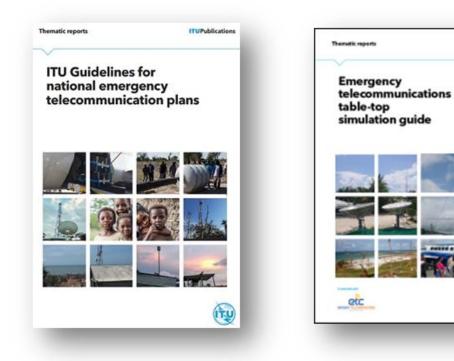


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Increased adoption of telecommunication/ICT for disaster management



- Technical assistance in developing National Emergency Telecommunication Plan (NETP) for Fiji, Mongolia, Kiribati, and Tonga
- Recommended actions for resilient international connectivity for Tonga aftermath of under sea volcanic eruption
- Disaster connectivity map to monitor network
- Emergency telecom drills in cooperation with PITA

Projects funded by DITRDCA (Australia), MIC (Japan)

Tonga Earthquake and Tsunami (2022)

How the Tonga volcano eruption from 2022 may affect Australia's weather for up to eight years







CONTACTLESS ASSISTANCE

Repurposing existing equipment Coordinating with SATCOs Satellite phones <u>Disaster Connectivity Map</u>

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS

COVID-19 related logistics challenges Legal Dispute Lack of adequate local expertise Interoperability of equipment **NETP** for Tonga supported

PARTNERS: UNRCO, Intelsat, Spark NZ, Wantok, Iridium, DFAT – Australia, WFP, MIC (Japan)

https://www.itu.int/hub/2022/02/restoring-connectivity-tonga-internet/

Timely assistance to Members in time of disaster saves lives



Vanuatu (2023)

Papua New Guinea (2023)

Emergency telecom assistances supported by governments, satellite industry partners, UN agencies, others

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Enhanced digital skills of over **1,985** participants to date through Smart Villages and Smart Islands (SVSI) and other initiatives including, visually impaired, migrant and village communities





Smart Villages and Smart Islands: Asia-Pacific Ongoing programmes and expression of interests



LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

designed to address the **socio-economic challenges faced by communities** through **digital transformation at community level** with emphasis on **vulnerable populations** (women, youth, and persons with disabilities)



Smart Islands Vanuatu South Malekula - Impact stories



School Connectivity

South Malekula Secondary School reconnected.

Students at SMSS who attended ITU expert's workshop on positive use of internet and ICT have improved access to internet and started learning online.



New Agri Products

Emergence of "Smart Island" branded product.

A group of coconut producers put their new digital skills to use in creating marketing materials to reach more customers and produced new product.



Mobile Banking

Improved digital financial literacy and use of mobile payments

3 mobile wallet service providers offered hands-on workshops to villagers with the ITU expert; people started using MyCash, IsiMoney, and M-Vatu payments, replacing the costly travel to town.

Smart Village Pakistan project brings health and education services to Gokina village and enhances partnerships

E-education (Teletaleem)



More than **100 girls** from grades 8 and 9 learning science subjects through tele-education

E-health (Sehat Kahani)



More than **1300** patients have availed the services in over 7 months, with **86%** women representation.

- Steering Committee (MoITT, USF, Huawei, ITU) for enhanced ownership and improved coordination
- New ongoing and potential partnerships (e.g., NADRA, JAZZ, IsDB, Virtual University)

Growing partnerships to support SVSI



Recognized by G20 (Indonesia in 2022)

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Increasing access to Internet E-agriculture strategies Establishment of resource centers Information systems Digital agriculture services Digital skills and financial literacy E-learning



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Enhancing ICT Accessibility

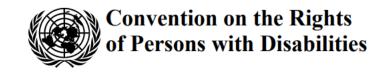
- Enabled the development and updates of digital inclusion policies, plans, strategies, and guidelines to support the achievement of the CRPD in 2022
- Developed awareness and capacity of 30 participants from 14 countries including Laos, Cambodia, Pakistan, and Brunei, organizations from PwD from Pakistan and Malaysia, as well as UNESCAP, on the foundations of ICT accessibility and the use of the ITU toolkit and self-assessment for ICT accessibility

Advisory on Policy Development in Artificial Intelligence

Developed capacity on gender-responsible national policies in AI through training programs (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, and the Philippines)



GENDER EOUALITY

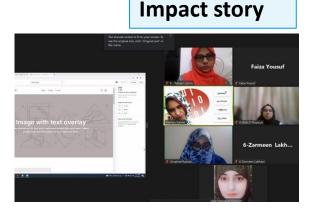




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Digital Literacy and Skills Development for Inclusivity

- Enhanced digital skills, • awareness, and ICT literacy of girls, young women, and women.
- Increased capacity of the policymakers on gender digital equality
- Strengthened Girls in ICT, EQUALS, and Network of Women community in which female participants support each other, expand their network, advocate their perspectives in ICT sectors and share experiences and knowledge.













Network of Women

Telecommunication Development Sector



ITU Girls in ICT

September 10, 2020 - 6

Women in ICT has important roles to influence the young generation especially girls to consider a career path in technology sectors

The #GirlsinICT Day event was recently launched in Thailand to promote the digital empowerment of girls and young women in the country.

Inspiring Female Leaders and Girls in ICT Day Thailand Alumni in the event will share with you why it is important to join Girls in ICT Day. Watch the full video here! 888



EQUALS



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

Broadcasting

- Direct country assistance is currently being provided to assess the current technical model of the DTTV service provision in Fiji.
- Enhanced knowledge on emerging technologies at Masterclass defining the New Broadcast media approaches during 18th Asia Media Summit 2023

Infrastructure Development based on emerging technologies

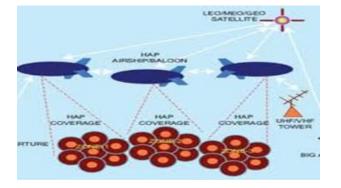
- Enhanced environment for service affordability through a National Roaming assessment for affordable broadband connectivity for all Mongolia
- Enhanced knowledge on High Altitude Platform Station (HAPS) and HIBS (IMT Base Station) during HAPS International Seminar in Indonesia













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

Capacity Development based on emerging technologies including 5G

- Enhanced knowledge of 66 participants on technology, standardization, testing, and application scenarios in C-V2X
- Improved technical skills of 47 participants on best practices and lessons learnt in 5G network implementation
- Developed skillset of 42 participants on 5G EMF guidelines

Conformance and interoperability (C&I)

- Enabled environment for national quality of service/experience (QoS/E) guidelines in Tonga and Papua New Guinea.
- Increased capacity of 62 participants on C&I related to 5G standards, security, and industrial internet identifier systems

<u>CAICT</u>中国信通院







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

Attention to spectrum management issues, terrestrial and space services

- Led by BR, organized the Regional Radiocommunication Seminar in Fiji and shared knowledge on spectrum demand issues during the Converged Telecommunications Policy & Regulations (CTPR) Master Class in Malaysia
- A joint econometric study is currently being carried out in collaboration with Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd. on enablers of the IMT spectrum in the ASP region
- Trained 435 participants on spectrum management, regulation, and LEO satellite constellation

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ASP4: Enabling policy and regulatory environments to accelerate digital transformation



National Digital Transformation Strategies Samoa, Kiribati, Nauru, and the Federated States of Micronesia are being assisted in National digital transformation strategies

Planned for Fiji, Solomon Islands, Others

Projects funded by DITRDCA (Australia), SDG Fund

ASP4: Enabling policy and regulatory environments to accelerate digital transformation

Advisory and capacity development on Digital Innovation Ecosystems





- Developed capacity on innovation ecosystem through development of Digital Innovation Profile (DIP) Brunei Darussalam with a view to building a competitive, sustainable, ICT-enabled economy.
- Enhanced skills of 152 participants in a Data-driven government model, analyzing policies of leading nations and formulating future data-centric government strategies for their respective countries
- Enhanced skills in Cloud Computing-Based Government Innovation of 206 participants.

ASP4: Enabling policy and regulatory environments to accelerate digital transformation

Research and Digital Innovation

- Launched the first global Innovation Center as part of ITU Area Office for South Asia and Innovation Centre in New Delhi
- Enhanced capacity in the development of last-mile connectivity within India's healthcare framework
- Workshop on Whole-of-Government (WoG) and GovStack is scheduled in September 2023
- Global Innovation Forum is scheduled in October 2023



CyberDrills



Cybersecurity Events

ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

We are delighted to share that the "Cyber for Her: Digital Upskilling and Competition", coorganized by ITU, USAID, DAI and Amazon Web Services (AWS), wrapped up successfully on 30 August 2023, in Bangkok.

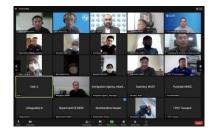
At the interactive panel discussion, ITU spotlighted the achievements of Girls in ICT Day and Child Online Protection in Thailand and Southeast Asia, motivating young women to excel in the STEM fields.



CIRT

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CIRT Assessments Report completed for **Mongolia** and **Kiribati**





Technical Assistance & Capacity Building



Policy Paper - State of Cybersecurity in the **Maldives**

Pakistan





Days 1-2: Scenario-based Exercises tailored for CNI sectors, including on Industrial Control Systems

ASEAN



Day 1: Regional Meeting **Day 2-3:** Sequential Technical and Management Training Sessions

 Included Knowledge Sharing Session on Ransomware Mitigation with Ecuador
 Days 4-5: Scenario-based Exercises tailored for CNI sectors, including on Industrial Control Systems Successful CyberDrill led to:

- Bhutan CIRT
 Maturity
 Assessment
- Additional cybersecurity partnership discussions in Bhutan





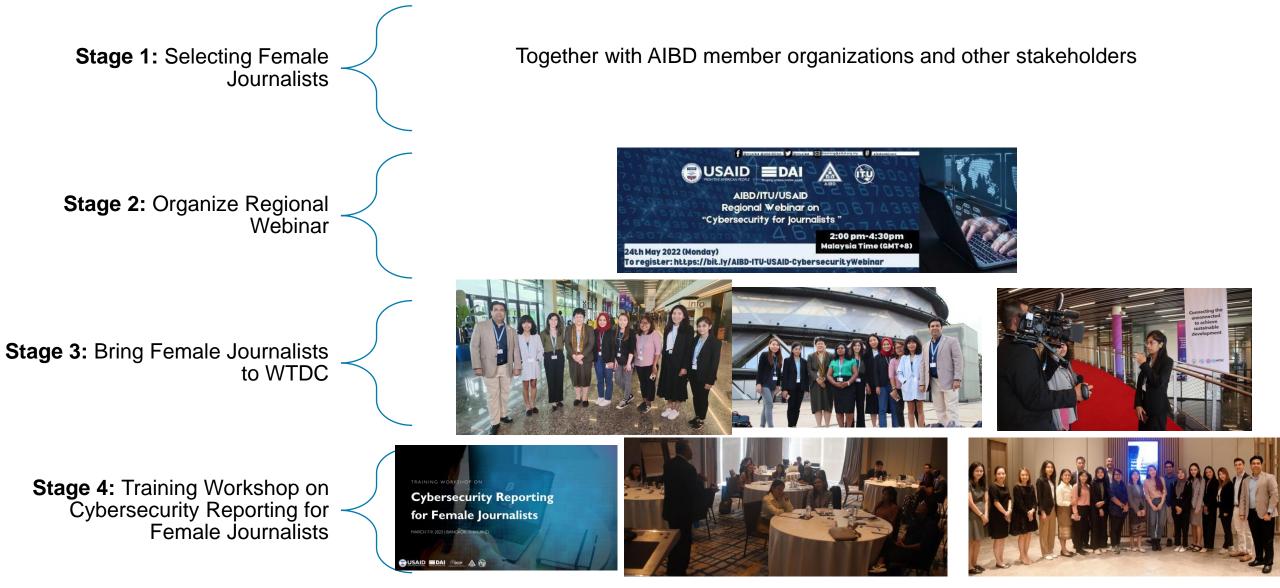
Day 1: Regional Meeting and Closed Door *Executive Session for High Level Government Officials and Parliamentarians on Cybersecurity* **Day 2:** Training Sessions:

 Included Introduction to Critical National Information Infrastructure Protection

Days 3-4: Scenario-based Exercises tailored for CNI sectors, including on Industrial Control Systems

ASP5: Contributing to a secure and resilient information and

communication technology environment



Child Online Protection for Asia and the Pacific

2023 COP Movements



- **Translated versions of the ITU COP Guidelines** (Bahasa Indonesia, Mongolian and Thai).
- Bhutan localized version of the ITU COP Guidelines.
- A series of national COP conferences, focus group discussions, workshops and trainings.
- **4 COP National Assessment Reports** with policy recommendations for Bhutan, Mongolia, Pakistan and Thailand. Support the development of presidential COP Roadmap Indonesia.

- Bhutan
- Thailand
- Mongolia
- Indonesia
- Pakistan
- Cambodia

- Strengthened capability of stakeholders in building safety and security for protecting children online.
- Increased awareness at regional and national level on the importance of child online protection in the digital economy.
- Improved engagement of stakeholders and cooperation amongst the government and academia, international organizations, industry and media, civil society, and parents and educators



Enabled Emergency Communication facilities

- Provided ET equipment to Tonga after the volcanic eruption in January 2022 to facilitate ET infrastructure.
- Provided ET assistance to Vanuatu, with the collaboration of SpaceX to facilitate disaster resonance efforts after Cat 4 cyclones, Judy and Kevin in March 2023
- Provided support to test existing ET facilities in Papua New Guinea (PNG), Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu

Enabling environment for ICT Resilience

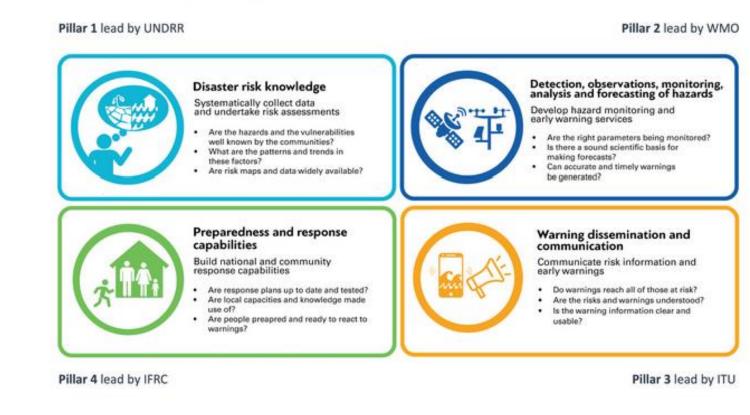
National ICT infrastructure assessment methodology is currently being carried out



Activities to be carried out under the EW4All Initiative

- Assessment of current EWS communication channels
- Promote a regulatory approach for mobile EWS
- Develop technical guidelines and high-level
 regulatory policy to support the adoption of mobile
 EWS
- Legal analysis of the policies, regulatory frameworks, and laws around mobile EWS
- Technical support on mobile EWS (CB as a minimum standard, complemented by other channels)
- Promote Common Alerting Protocol (CAP)

United Nations Early Warnings for All Initiative



Project Preparation on National E-waste Regulation

Project on the regulatory framework for the governance of e-waste management in Thailand and Mongolia is under preparation.

Potential Collaboration:



Australian Government

* Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts



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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES AN ECOSYSTEM APPROACH



Thank you!

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





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Enhanced International Cooperation for Connectivity and Emerging Technologies

- Co-organized ITU-MIIT (Ministry of Industry and Information Technology) of China high-level seminar 2023 under the theme of "building a digital future for all" in September 2023. The event aimed to build cooperation among industry leaders, high-level officials representing ITU member countries, and regional and international organizations to discuss and share knowledge about emerging ICT issues and challenges.
- Co-organized ITU and International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries (ITTLLDC) Seminar 2023 on 26 - 28 September 2023 at UN House Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia. The event focuses on building cooperation and knowledge sharing among LLDCs in addressing challenges in the growing digital sector.
- Published a research report on Gender Sensitive AI Policy in Southeast Asia in collaboration with the United Nations University Institute in Macau in January 2023. The multi-country, multi-stakeholder search aimed to attract attention internationally to gender in AI.

Country governments struggle with the digitization of their public services for several reasons



SILOES

Siloed investments and duplicative efforts by development partners promote fragmented digital governance and silos in partner countries.



FUNDING

Challenges in procuring and implementing affordable IT solutions persist, as do challenges in creating the necessary capital to invest in ICT infrastructure projects.



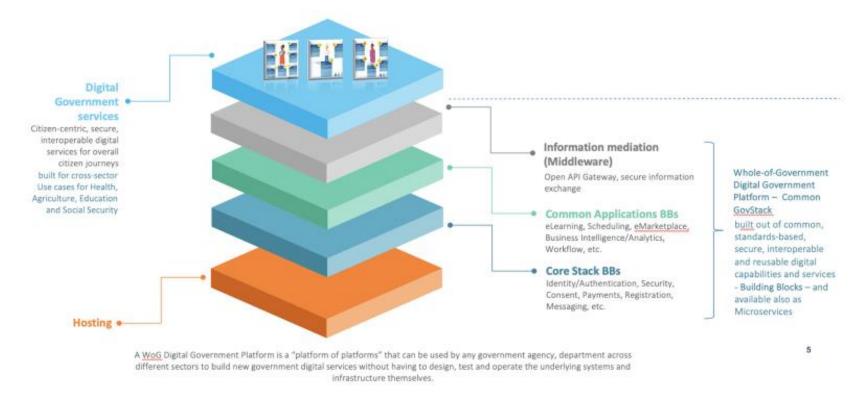
SCALING

Huge challenges exist in adapting and investing in projects at scale, particularly around the rollout of physical ICT infrastructure, the deployment and use of common data platforms.



COORDINATION

Problems in coordination commonly occur in aligning ICT ministry work with that of other agencies. **GOVSTACK:** Whole of Government approach overcomes digital transformation challenges by utilizing a common reusable stack of Building Blocks



Increasing interest from Members in Asia-Pacific (Cambodia, Laos, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, ASEAN, others)

New project in Asia-Pacific supported by DITRDCA (Australia)



Republic of Estonia Ministry of Foreign Affairs Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung QIZ Butten Gesterent Witten Gesterent

