

# Partner2Connect

RDF Asia-Pacific  
P2C Introduction

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**Partner2Connect**

## Session 3: P2C Let's talk about the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition Roundtable

### Objectives for the session:

- Introduction of P2C Initiative and its expected impact
- Making explicit the needs and requirements of Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and the potential positive impact on these underserved communities, emphasizing the need for public-private collaboration to accelerate digital development.
- Provide a platform for existing pledgers to present and elaborate on the pledges they have submitted so far and to confirm their commitment to advancing connectivity and digital transformation in and for the Asia-Pacific region.
- Encourage more members to pledge and mobilize the resources needed, further expanding the financial resources and commitments available for global digital transformation and connectivity initiatives in response to the stated needs and requirements in the Asia-Pacific Region.
- Inform the participants of the RDF session schedule and the events where they can identify possible opportunities to reconfirm their pledges, reaffirm their commitments and even to make their new pledges



# Objective of **Partner2Connect** **Digital Coalition**

To serve as a leadership level platform to engage all stakeholders to mobilize and announce new resources, partnerships, and commitments to foster meaningful connectivity and digital transformation globally, with a focus on but not limited to hardest-to-connect communities in Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS)



# About the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition

- Launched in 2021 by ITU in close cooperation with the [Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology](#) and the [UNOHRLLS](#).
- Seeks to engage all relevant stakeholders globally to mobilize and announce new resources, partnerships and commitments to foster [meaningful connectivity](#) and [digital transformation](#) in the hardest-to-connect communities.
- In line with [the UN Secretary General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation](#).
- Aligned with the [SDGs](#), [WSIS Action Lines](#), [Kigali Action Plan \(KAP\)](#) & [Regional Initiatives](#).
- A [clear mandate](#) provided by ITU Member States thru **WTDC-22 Resolution 88** on Partner2Connect to:
  - [Facilitate pledge implementation](#) to catalyze concrete joint efforts that accelerate connectivity and bridge the digital divide
  - [Mobilize new pledges, resources and partnerships](#), and [contribute towards the running](#) of the P2C programme.
  - Organize events to [report and share experiences](#) on pledge implementation
    - Regional P2C Roundtables at RDF Europe and Americas already took place in May and August 2023

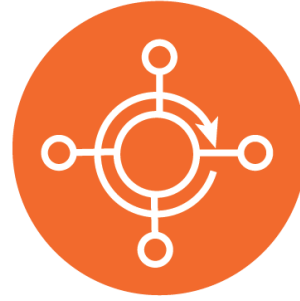
# P2C Action Framework - Focus Areas



**ACCESS**  
Connecting people  
everywhere



**ADOPTION**  
Empowering  
communities



**VALUE CREATION**  
Building Digital  
Ecosystems



**ACCELERATE**  
Incentivizing  
investments

*Pillars*



- Infrastructure
- Affordability
- Cybersecurity

- Skills
- Inclusion
- Local Content/  
Services

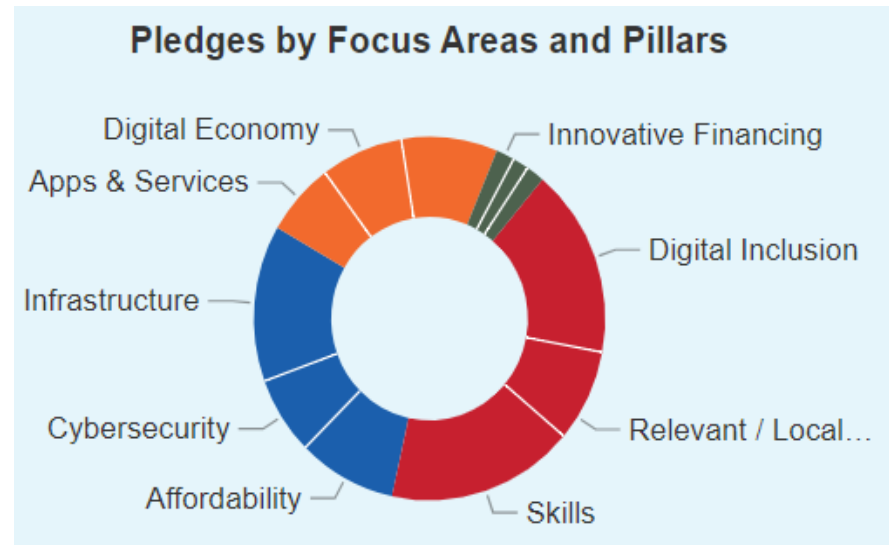
- Innovation/  
Entrepreneurship
- Apps & Services
- Digital Economy

- Innovative Financing
- Project Viability
- Investor Constellation

# Implementation and Matchmaking of P2C pledges in ITU Asia-Pacific Region

# P2C Pledges: Asia-Pacific\*

<b>191</b> Pledges received	<b>\$3bn</b> Estimated financial value (USD)
<b>106</b> Entities	<b>41</b> Countries of pledge-makers



- **191 pledges** worth **\$3.00 Billion** to be implemented in Asia-Pacific
- Submitted by **106 entities** from government, private sector, NGOs, academia from **41 different countries**
- Pledges' Focus Areas **match** Regional Initiatives' clusters



\*As of 13 Sep. Consult all P2C pledges at: <https://www.itu.int/itu-d/sites/partner2connect/pledges/explore-pledges/>

ASP 1: Addressing special needs of least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific Island countries, and landlocked developing countries

ASP 2: Harnessing ICTs to support the digital economy and an inclusive digital society

ASP 3: Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity

ASP 4: Enabling policy and regulatory environments

ASP 5: Contributing to a secure and resilient environment

# P2C 'Matchmaking' to operationalize the pledges, contributions into commitments to accelerate implementation with impact

