

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development



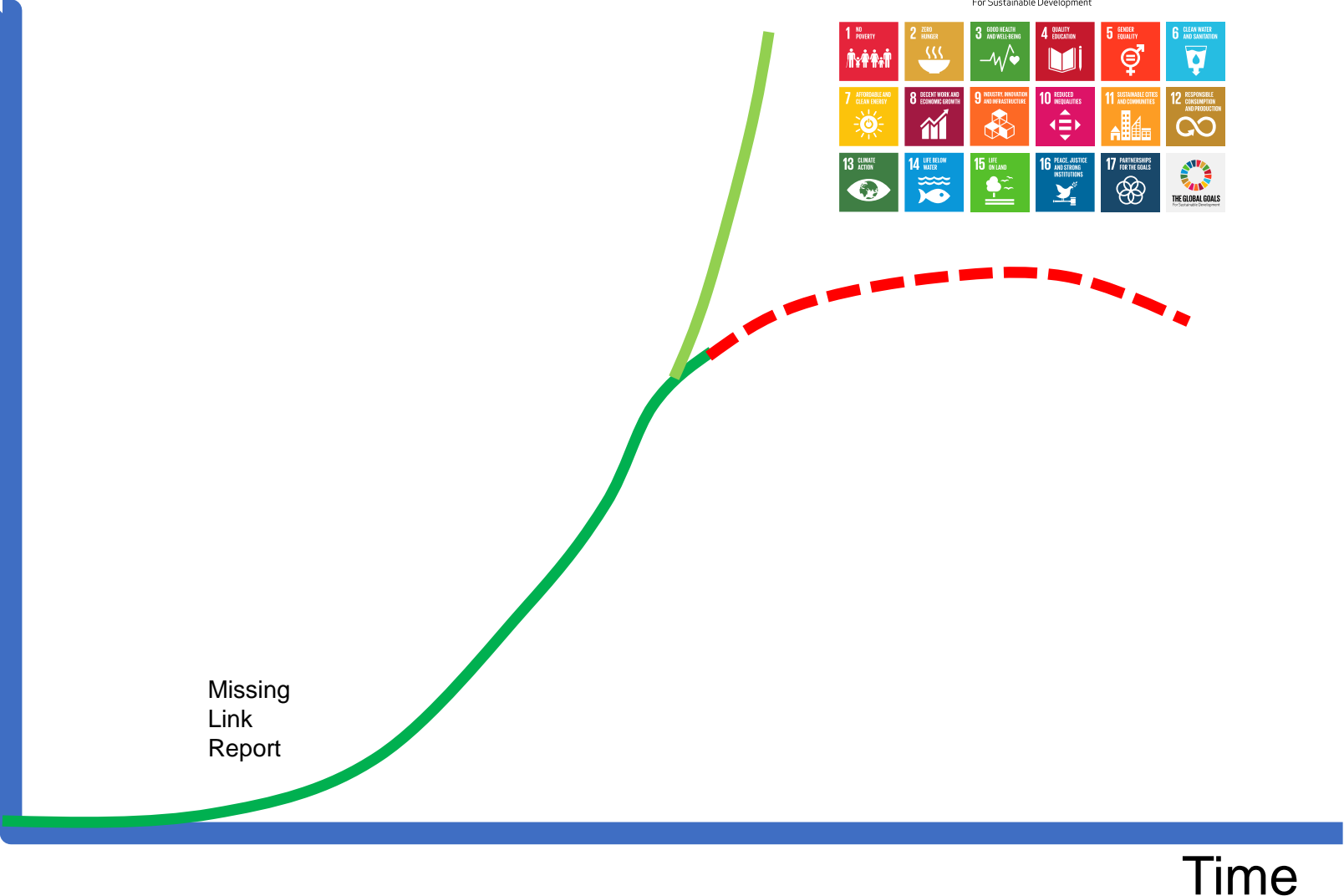
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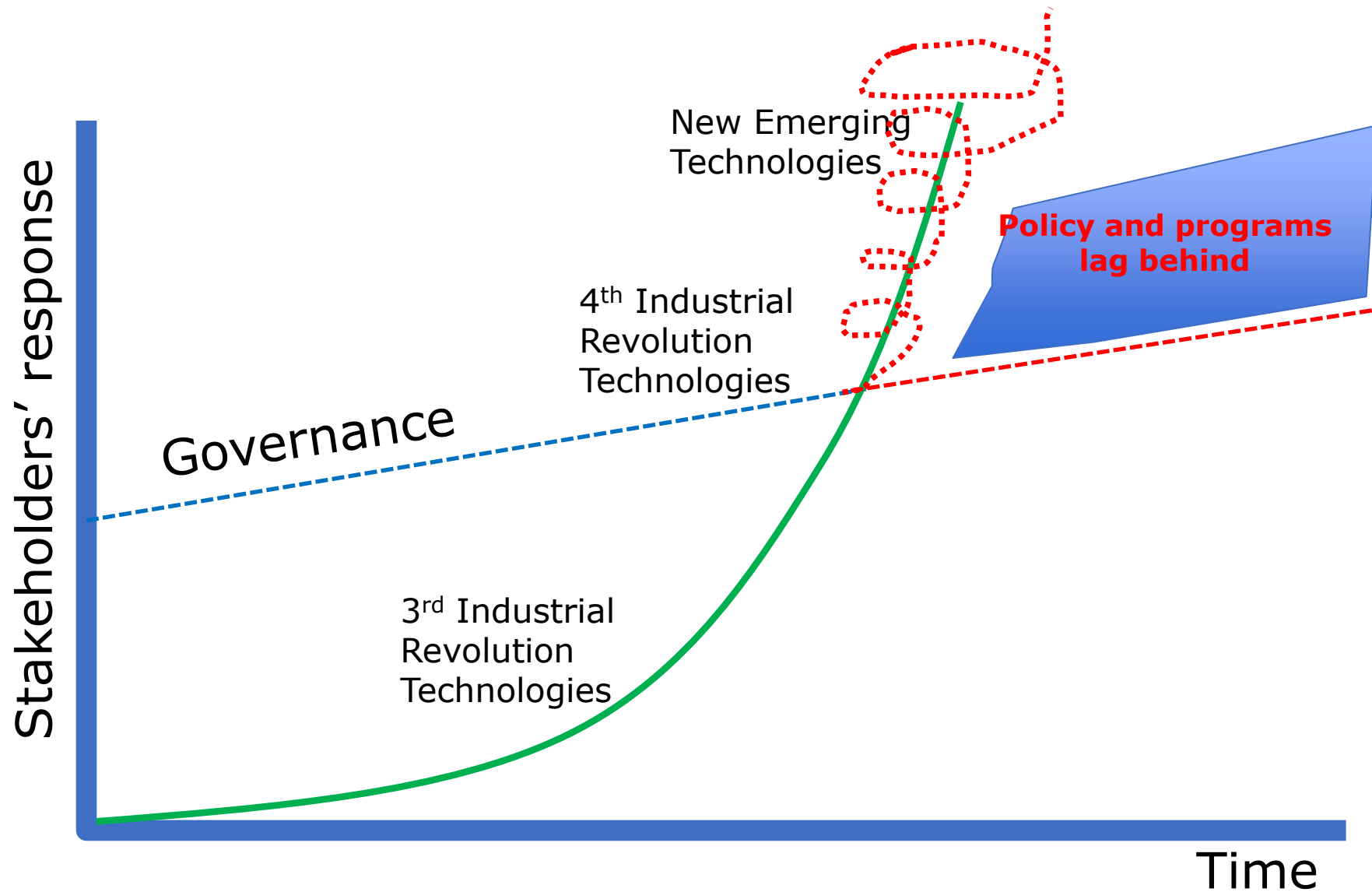
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Connectivity & Development Goals

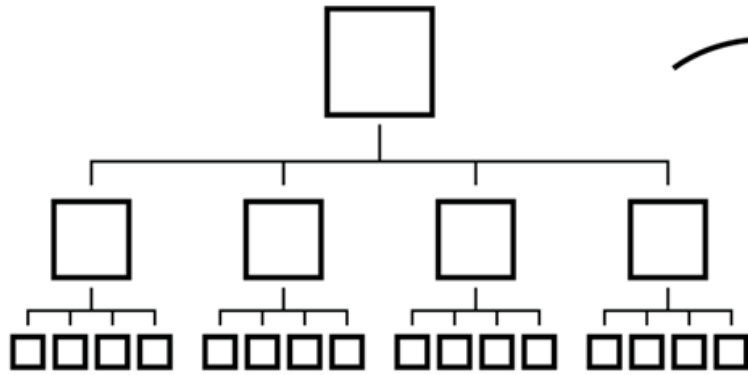


Our digital environment is changing faster than we can adapt



Our organizations need to adapt

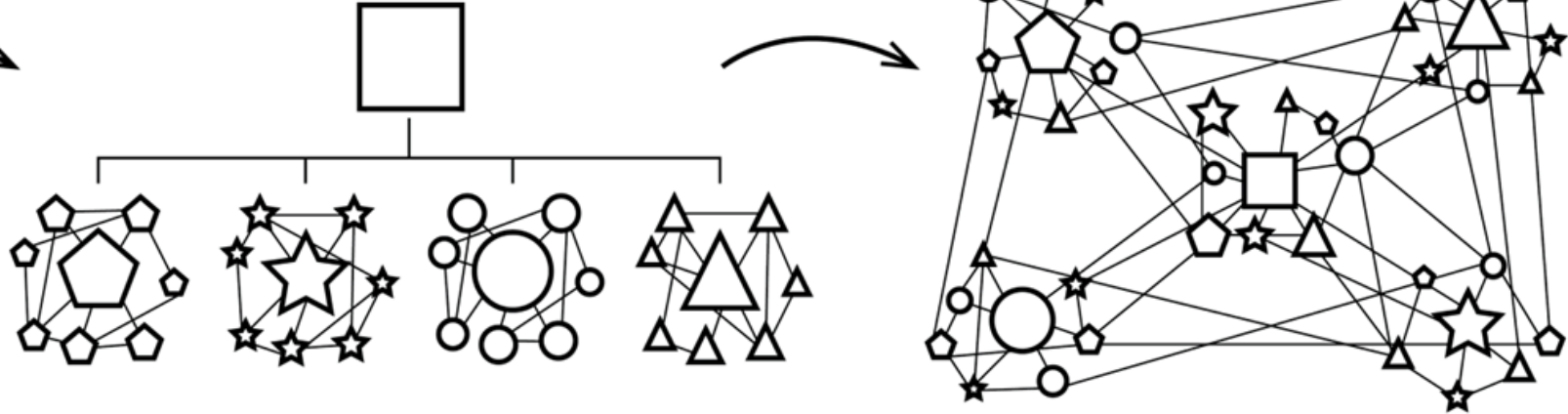
20th Century Organisation



COMMAND

Status Quo

21st Century Organisation



COMMAND OF TEAMS

Good Performing Teams

TEAM OF TEAMS

Agile governance model, processes, and services delivery



The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance For Digital Development is established to respond to significant unmet needs of ITU Membership in the area of innovation, as articulated in the Kigali Action Plan adopted at the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2022 (WTDC-22) and the Outcomes of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 (PP-22).

“Together, we can create a more inclusive and equitable digital future for all.”

*Dr Cosmas Zavazava
Director BDT
ITU*



Vision

Support ITU-D Membership with new, more resilient, and forward-thinking approaches to guarantee they can safely navigate a digital world that is increasingly **Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous (VUCA)** and achieve outcomes of the Kigali Action Plan.



Mission

- Bridge the Digital Innovation Divide and empower ITU-D membership to overcome challenges on their path through digital transformation
- Accelerate their ecosystems' impact on cross-cutting sectors for an inclusive and sustainable society.



Opportunities

- Build local capabilities in innovation and entrepreneurship
- Develop new organizational and human excellence capabilities
- Deliver new products and services for ITU Membership.

1 **Trends research readiness**

Enables countries to be ahead of the curve and make sense of the evolution of technology, policy and innovation dynamics.

2 **Open technology innovation**

Harnesses technological know-how into global goods through open innovation and multistakeholder mechanisms, accelerating access to emerging technology for all.

3 **Entrepreneurship and SMEs growth**

Accelerates the uptake of digital innovation-driven entrepreneurship and opportunities for talent to achieve socio economic inclusion in their communities.

4 **Policy experimentation**

Develops agile policies that provide stakeholders with safe space for experimentation, encouraging innovation and attracting investment in the digital ecosystem.

5 **Ecosystem initiatives acceleration**

Promotes collaboration and synergies that scale digital innovations and achieve cross-cutting sectoral value for a competitive digital economy.



Digital Transformation Lab

- The Lab will support the design and implementation of the network of centers and provide technical assistance, upon request, to enable countries currently lacking key capabilities in sandboxing and developing initiatives to accelerate digital development.
- BDT will benefit from improving its products and services to enable the Bureau to be the premier agency supporting developing countries in digital transformation.



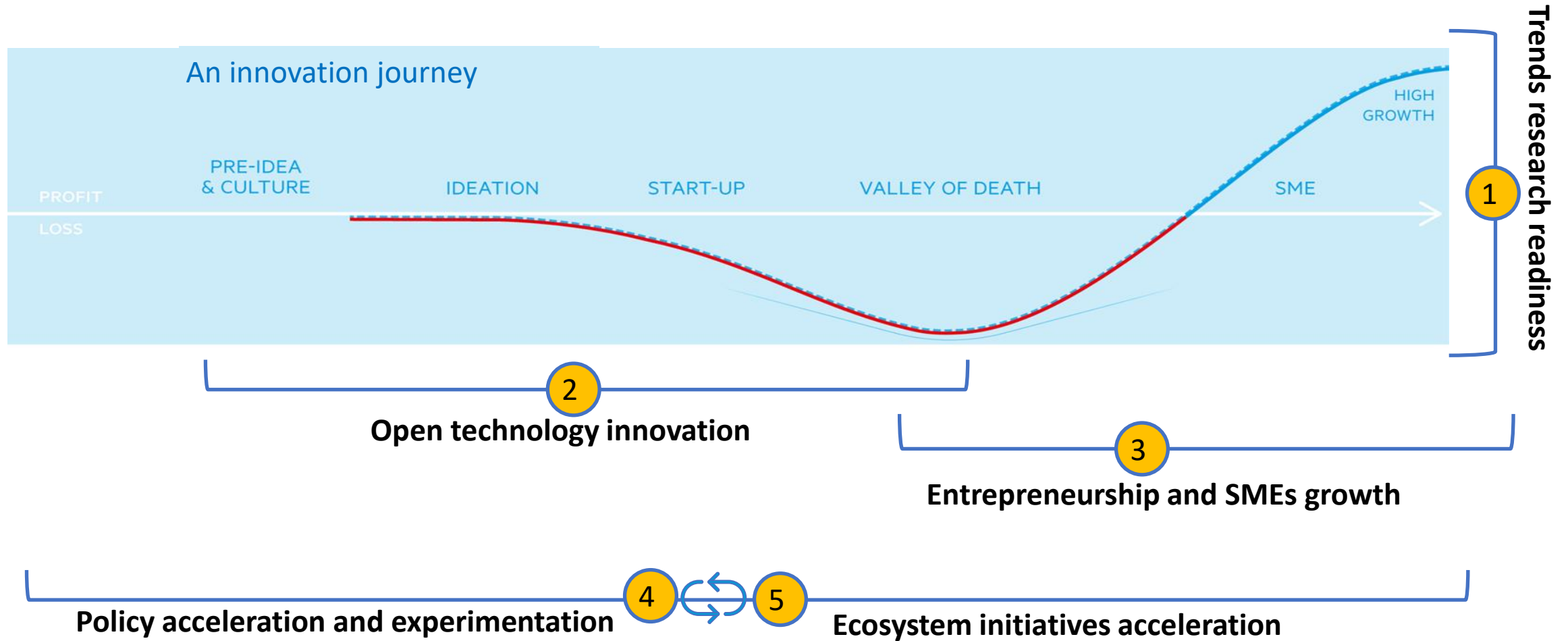
Network of Acceleration Centers

- The Network will enhance global, regional, and national innovation capabilities for technology, policy and flagship initiative development.
- The various centers will **accelerate digital transformation** through a unique **ecosystem-thinking approach**.
- The centers will **also amplify local capabilities to accelerate local innovation**, entrepreneurship, and the digitalization of economies to improve the competitiveness of economic sectors.

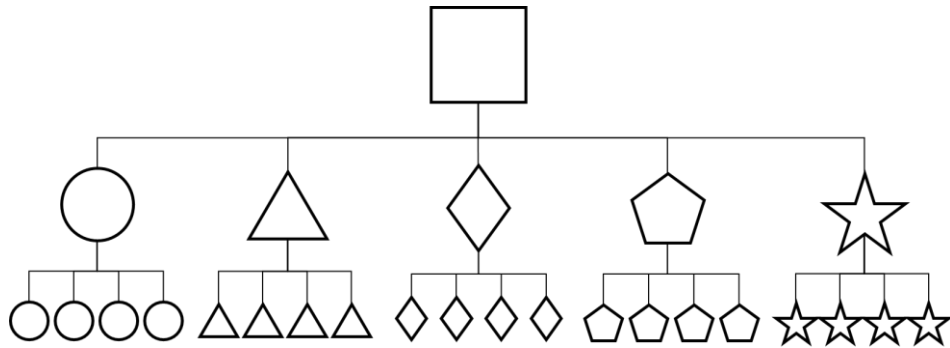


Digital Innovation Board

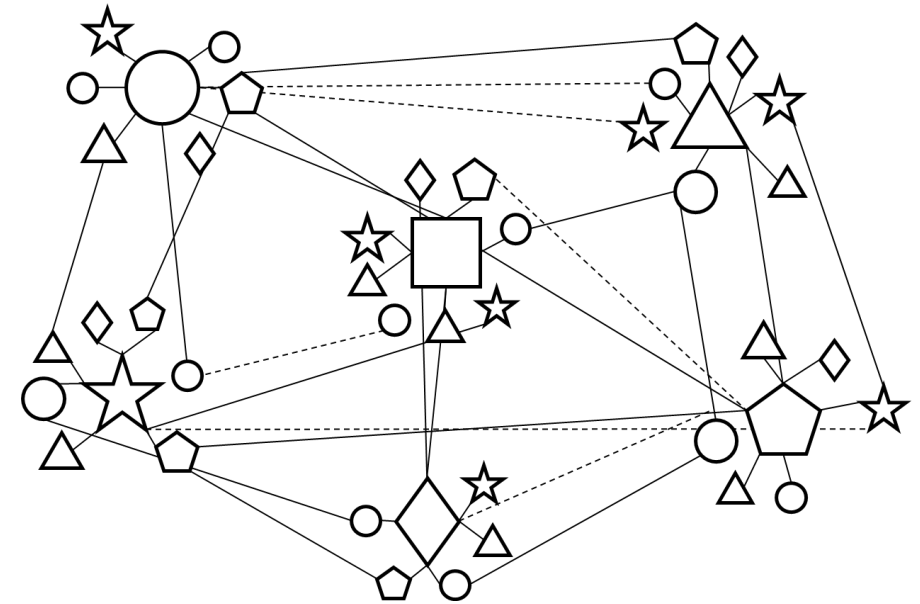
- This Board will guide the work of the Alliance and ensure its effectiveness, accountability, and sound decision-making.
- The Board will facilitate high-level coordination and engage in global advocacy at the UN level and with regional and international organizations.
- Leveraging its reach, it will help mobilize resources and partnerships, share lessons learned and create a global learning community.



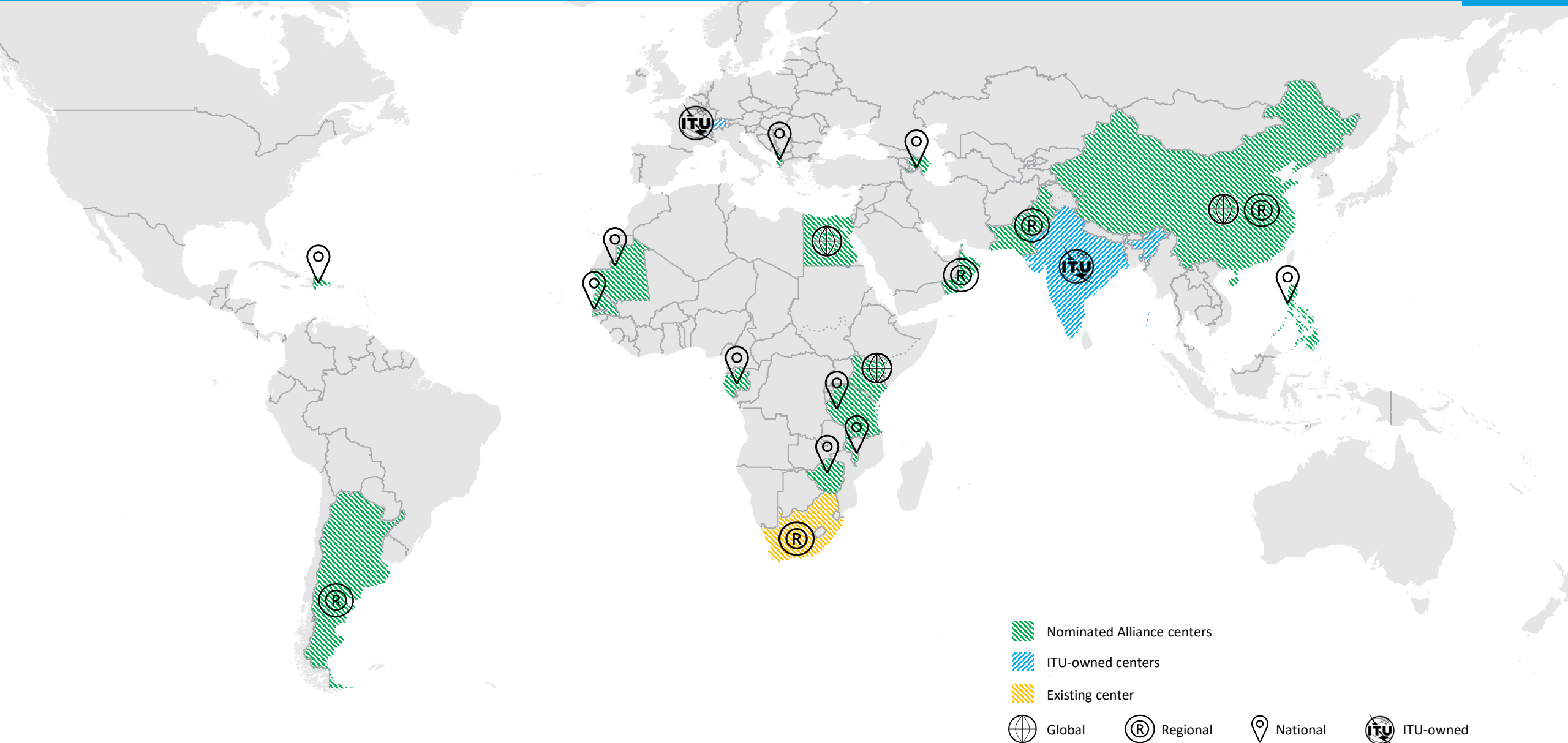
Siloed ecosystem



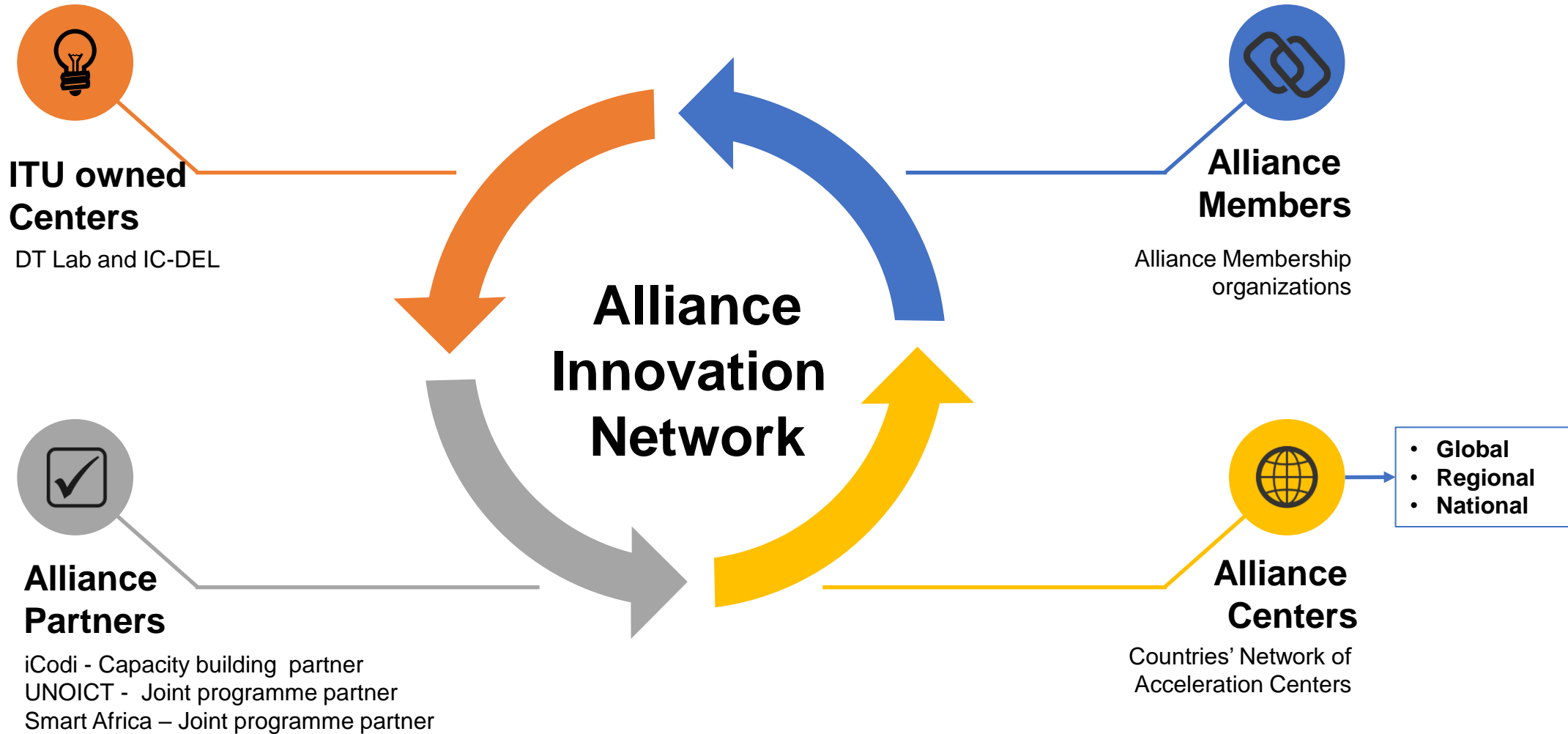
Agile ecosystem



Centers locations for first selected cohort announced on 1st September 2023



Alliance Innovation Network is growing



Key Milestones



- 25 January: Public announcement
- 15-16 March: WSIS events
- 4 April: Community Event
- 15 April: Deadline for expression of interest (for Network of Acceleration Centers)
- 1 September: Network of Acceleration Centers announcement
- October: Annual board meeting



Launch of the Network of Acceleration Centers
1 September 2023



Session Facilitation at ITU-D Study Group 1 Cross-Cutting Workshops on Meaningful Connectivity
8 May 2023 and 10 May 2023



ITU - OICT Declaration of Intent on Digital Transformation and Technology Innovation



Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance - Power session
16 March 2023



Open Source Software for SDG (OSS4SDG) Hackathon for Gender Equality by EC, UNOICT, ITU EQUALS & POP
Deadline: 15 September 2023



ITU - Smart Africa Declaration of Intent on Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Capacity Building



Community Event - Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development
4 April 2023



Accelerating Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Digital Development
15 March 2023

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Global Innovation Forum

Readiness for our digital futures

27-29 October 2023
New Delhi, India



Partners with us for a more equitable future for all

Thank You

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