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Area Office and Innovation Centre in Delhi

ITU Area Office for South Asia and Innovation Centre

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- The ITU Area Office for South Asia and Innovation Centre was inaugurated at the highest levels by ITU's Secretary General and the PM of India on 22nd March 2023.

- It is fully funded and hosted by the Government of India.

- The objectives of the area office are:

    - Promoting the introduction of advanced technologies

    - Contributing to the development of ICT/telecommunication networks and services

    - Providing TA to infrastructure, e-governance, and cross-sectoral ICT applications

    - Assisting with human resources and capacity development

    - Conducting other activities related to ITU's mandate to connect the world

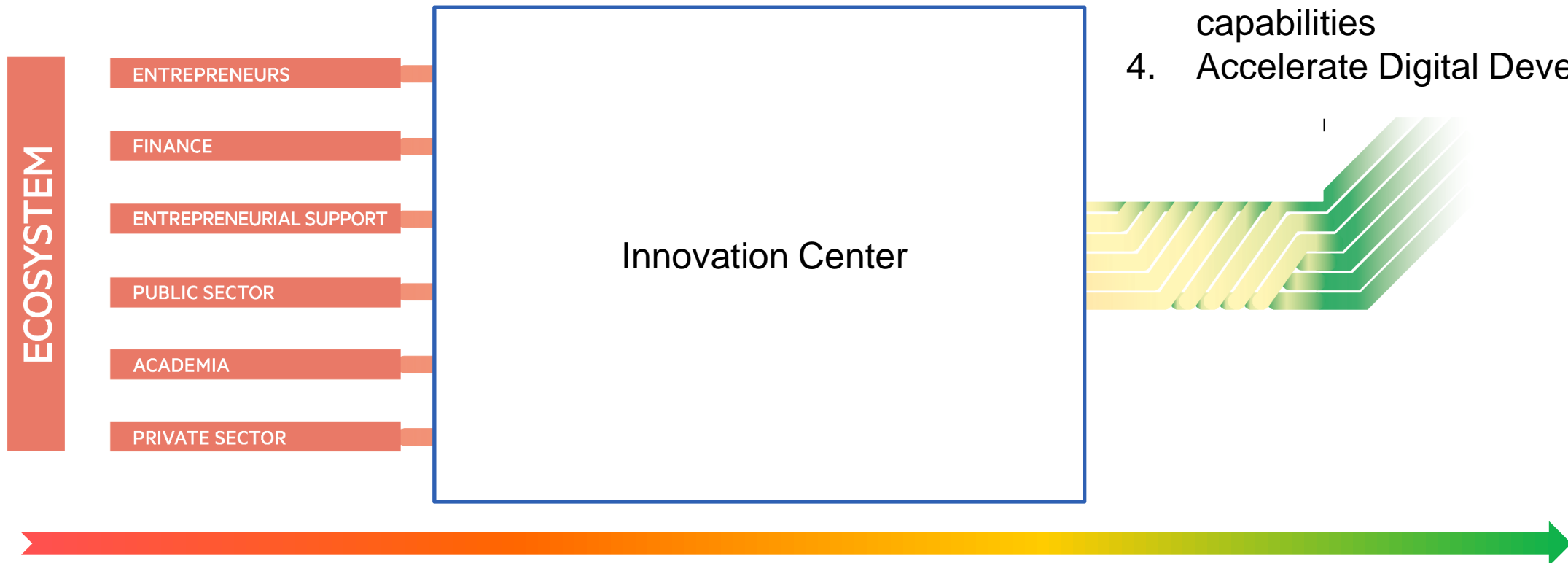# ITU Area Office for South Asia and Innovation Centre

The new office in India's capital includes ITU's first centre for innovation, positioning it as a hub for promoting advanced technologies within the region and beyond

The Global Technology Acceleration Center will be a critical enabler for countries and will accelerate Digital Development

Mainstreaming emerging technologies and digital innovation in critical aspects of inclusive and sustainable digital transformation regionally and globally to reduce technological inequities

1. A global center to reduce technological inequities
2. Spotlight the Indian ecosystem
3. Support ITU's mission with new capabilities
4. Accelerate Digital Development

ECOSYSTEM

- ENTREPRENEURS
- FINANCE
- ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT
- PUBLIC SECTOR
- ACADEMIA
- PRIVATE SECTOR

Innovation Center

India Innovation Center – Proposed Services

To achieve these objectives, the centre will offer key services to achieve impact.

- **Trend research readiness:** Develop trend research and strategic foresight capabilities and engage academics and relevant stakeholders to conduct activities on relevant topics of focus areas
- **Open technology innovation:** Encourage technology innovation that will support projects to accelerate the development of open technology
- **Capacity building :** Develop capacity-building content and initiatives while leveraging relevant ITU capacity-building platforms and partners
- **Global goods showcase:** Develop platforms for showcasing global goods (including digital public goods) and related technology in key areas, including physical and online
- **SME and entrepreneurship scale-up:** Establish an accelerator to support calls for ready solutions and seed funding support for SME and entrepreneurship scale-up regionally or globally
- **Policy experimentation:** Establish a policy knowledge base in the selected topics of focus areas, to provide stakeholders with safe space for experimentation, encouraging innovation and attracting investment in the digital ecosystem/
- **Changemaker network:** Develop a digital innovation network of changemakers with specific interests in the key areas.

Regional Innovation Forum (23 March)

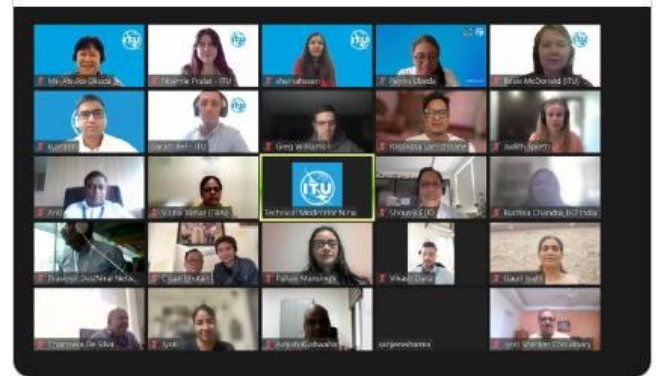**South Asia Information Session: Green Digital Transformation and a Circular Economy for Electronics (27 June)**

Digital Health Joint Workshop and Symposium with Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences (RMLIMS) Lucknow (22-25 August)

Demonstration & Co-creation Session on 'Digital Health', in collaboration with IIT-Kanpur (23 March)

South Asia Information Session: Green Digital Transformation and a Circular Economy for Electronics (27 June)

Safe and Secure School Connectivity Sensitization Meetings (21 – 25 August)

Virtual Informal Meeting of Regulators (29 August)

Indicative Upcoming Activities

No	Service	Activities	Planned Timeline
1	Trend research readiness	Onboard research: Foresight issue on Digital health and technology for socioeconomic development	2023
2	Open technology innovation	Event: ITU-T Metaverse Standards Event: ITU-T Climate Change Standards including data centers and e-waste Event: ITU-T Green Data Center Standards Event: ITU-T Financial Inclusion and Digital Financial Services Security Lab Event: ITU-T Metaverse Standards Challenge: ITU-T Smart Incubator challenge on standards Onboard Public good challenge: Digital public goods for IOTs in agriculture and finance	TBD
3	Capacity building	Event: Introduction to Govstack and Country Engagements	21-22 September 2023
		Event: Cisco Academy and Capacity Development	TBD
4	Global good showcase	Event: ICANN and Universal Acceptance and Localization	March-April 2024
		Event: Global Innovation Forum	27-29 October 2023
		Event: AI for Good Global Summit	2024
5	SME and entrepreneurship scale-up	Onboard of SMEs Scale-up Challenge: Agritech south-south IoT scale-up challenge	TBD
		Event: Co-creation workshop on e-waste in the Indian ecosystem	Q1 2024
6	Policy experimentation	Onboard of Project: IoTs policy sandbox	Nov-Dec 2023
7	Changemaker network	Onboard Platform project: Indian Digital Innovation Network	TBD

Thank you!

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