

ITU REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM

# ITURDF

CIS REGION  
ONLINE 2020

14-15 December

Status update of projects and  
WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives

[itu.int/go/RDF-CIS2020](http://itu.int/go/RDF-CIS2020)



Organized by

#ICT4SDG

 SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS

 2025  
World Summit  
on the Information Society  
Turning targets into action  
Geneva 2000 | Tunis 2005 | New York 2015



# Status of project portfolio in the CIS region

# Overview of ITU Projects and Value in CIS Region

## Types of ITU projects

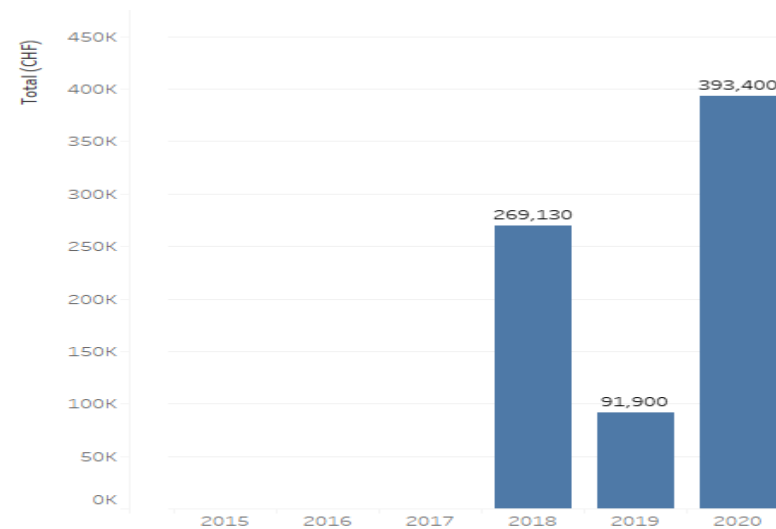


## Portfolio of national/regional projects

- 4 on-going projects (funds in k USD)

in-cash external	ITU funds	Total project Budget
418.2	349.1	767.3

## Timeline (signature date)



Funds in k CHF  
Updated 15 Dec 20

## Current national and regional projects in the CIS region

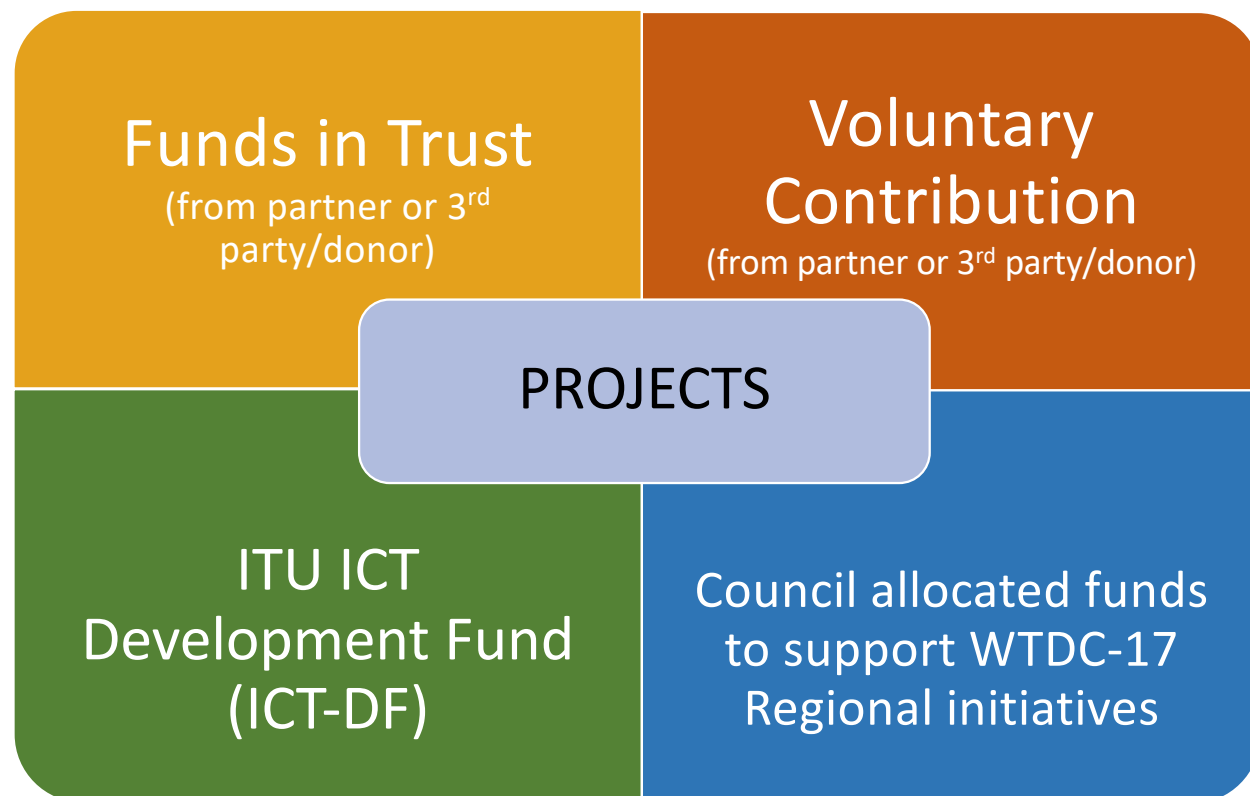
Title	Thematic priority	in-cash external	ICT-DF	OP	Total Budget	Country	Main RI activated
Creation of Digital Skills Center for Women and Youth in Uzbekistan	06 Capacity development	50.0		50.0	99.9	Uzbekistan	CIS2. Education, women in ICT
Creation of smart education ecosystem in Kostanay	01 Network and digital infrastructure	30.0		30.0	60.0	CIS countries	CIS2. Education, women in ICT
International Research, Development and Testing Centre for new equipment, technologies, and services (IRDTC) - Phase 1	01 Network and digital infrastructure	169.1		100.0	269.1	CIS countries	CIS5. IoT, 4G
International Research, Development and Testing Centre for new equipment, technologies, and services – Phase 2	01 Network and digital infrastructure	169.1		169.1	338.3	CIS countries	CIS5. IoT, 4G
<b>Totals</b>		<b>418.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>349.1</b>	<b>767.3</b>		



## Current global projects benefitting the region

Project No	Title	Themes
2GLO16081	Big Data for Measuring the Information Society	ICT Statistics & Indicators
2GLO18094	Enhancement of National Emergency Telecommunication Plans and Coordination to Save Lives	Emergency Telecommunications, LDCs & SIDS
2GLO20104	GIGA - a Global School Connectivity Initiative	Digital Inclusion, ICT Applications, Spectrum management and digital broadcasting
2GLO20105	ITU Center for Digital Innovation (I-CoDI)	Digital Inclusion, Innovation, Technology & Network Development
9GLO13072	mHealth for NCDs Joint Programme	ICT Applications
9GLO20103	Collaborative ICT policy and regulation	Regulatory & Market Environment
9GLO20107	COVID-19 "infodemic" management	Digital Inclusion
9GLO15077	eMCM Master of Communications Management	Capacity Building
COEGLO001	Capacity Building through Centres of Excellence (CoEs)	Capacity Building
7GLO20108	Boosting digital skills through Digital Transformation Centres (DTCs)	Capacity Building, Digital Inclusion

# Funding mechanisms for ITU projects



- ITU is not a funding entity, but a specialized agency of the UN and executing agency.
- Scope and scale of projects depend on the capacity of beneficiaries and partners to mobilize financial support.

# WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives: CIS Region

# About WTDC Regional Initiatives

- **Regional initiatives** (RIs)
  - adopted in World Telecommunications Development Conferences (WTDC);
  - RIs were introduced at the fifth WTDC, held in 2010 in Hyderabad;
  - they address specific ICT priority areas, through partnerships and resource mobilization to implement small-, medium- and large-scale projects;
  - The current cycle of RIs adopted at WTDC-17 covers the implementation period of 2018 to 2021.
  - Under each RI, projects are developed and implemented to meet the region's needs.
- **ITU supports implementation** of RIs within its dual responsibility as:
  - a United Nations specialized agency
  - and executing agency for implementing projects under the UN development system
- ITU can also support to **mobilize financial resources**
  - To provide seed funding via ICT-DF funds and Council allocated funds to support implementation of WTD-17 RIs (RI funds)
  - to facilitate seeking funding arrangements from third parties (resource mobilization)





## Overview of WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives

RI	Short name	Regional Initiative
CIS1	E-Health	Development of e-health to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all, at all ages
CIS2	Education, women in ICT	Use of ICTs to ensure inclusive, equitable, quality and safe education, including the enhancement of women's knowledge of ICTs and e-government
CIS3	Smart cities	Development and regulation of infocommunication infrastructure to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe and resilient
CIS4	Environment	Monitoring the ecological status and the presence and rational use of natural resources
CIS5	IoT, 4G	Fostering innovative solutions and partnership for the implementation of Internet of things technologies and their interaction in telecommunication networks, including 4G, IMT-2020 and next-generation networks, in the interests of sustainable development

## Financial resources from ITU to support co-financing RIs

Source	Details	Contribution from partner
ITU Operational Plan (OP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ITU regular budget. Defined annually by BDT management based on the ITU-D Thematic Priorities.</li> <li>Activities supported by OP may lead to projects in the future</li> <li>Actions normally between 5k to 30-50k</li> </ul>	OP activities don't require a partner, although contribution from partner(s) are welcome to increase impact
ITU ICT Development Fund (ICT-DF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resources to finance projects with at least one partner</li> <li>Projects should include at least one country from LDCs, SIDS, LLDCs and economies in transition</li> <li>Project intervention should fall into specific categories linked to the ITU-D Thematic Priorities</li> </ul>	<p>Partners are expected to finance 75% of the expected project cost.</p> <p>Note: On exceptional basis, the ICT-DF may finance more than 25%</p>
Council allocated funds to support WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives (RI Funds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocation of funds provided by Council 2018 to provide seed funding in support of projects linked to WTDC-17 regional initiatives.</li> <li>CHF 5 million to be allocated in projects during the 2018-2021 period.</li> </ul>	Partners are expected to finance ideally 50% of the expected project cost.



## About in-kind contributions from partners

- A voluntary contribution in kind is the act by which a person or legal entitle provides work, goods or services free of charge to an entity.
- Voluntary contributions in kind may take several forms. If these voluntary contributions are significant, quantifiable and measurable, then they are valued through ITU's accounting system.
- They can be represented by :
  - work contributions: volunteer work, staff provided by a public or private organization, unpaid time spent on project management
  - asset contributions: any property that is returned in full ownership to the project ;
  - contributions in services: provision of premises, equipment, free supplies of services.
- On the date they become part of the project's assets, goods received free of charge are recorded at their market value.
- The market value of goods received free of charge corresponds to the price that would have been paid under normal market conditions.
- The IPSAS rules make it mandatory to provide information on voluntary contributions in kind.



## ITU funds allocated to RI in CIS region

Source of ITU funding	CIS-1	CIS-2	CIS-3	CIS-4	CIS-5	Total ITU Funds allocated
OP budget	75.0	116.0	205.5	45.0	128.0	569.5
RI Council appr. funds		159.9			607.4	767.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>275.9</b>	<b>205.5</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>735.4</b>	<b>1,336.8</b>

## Total funds mobilized through ITU contribution

Source of ITU funding	In-cash external	ITU ICT-DF	OP and RI funds	Total ITU Funds	Total project funds
OP budget			569.5	569.5	569.5
RI Council appr. funds	418.2		349.1	349.1	767.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>418.2</b>		<b>918.6</b>	<b>918.6</b>	<b>1,336.8</b>



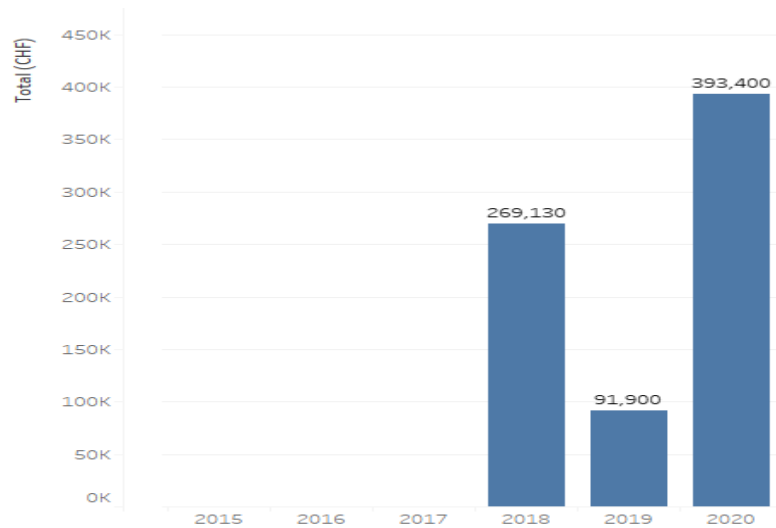
## Current on-going projects funded with ITU RI funds

Title	Thematic priority	in-cash external	ICT-DF	OP	Total Budget	Country	Main RI activated
Creation of Digital Skills Center for Women and Youth in Uzbekistan	06 Capacity development	50.0		50.0	99.9	Uzbekistan	CIS2. Education, women in ICT
Creation of smart education ecosystem in Kostanay	01 Network and digital infrastructure	30.0		30.0	60.0	CIS countries	CIS2. Education, women in ICT
International Research, Development and Testing Centre for new equipment, technologies, and services (IRDTC) - Phase 1	01 Network and digital infrastructure	169.1		100.0	269.1	CIS countries	CIS5. IoT, 4G
International Research, Development and Testing Centre for new equipment, technologies, and services – Phase 2	01 Network and digital infrastructure	169.1		169.1	338.3	CIS countries	CIS5. IoT, 4G
<b>Totals</b>		<b>418.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>349.1</b>	<b>767.3</b>		



# Final thoughts: RI Council approved funds have reactivated the CIS project portfolio

Region	Project No	Title	Year of Signat..	In-Kind External	In-Cash External	in-cash ICT-DF	in-cash OP	Total (CHF)
CIS countries	9RER20026	International Research, Development ..	2020		169,130		169,130	338,260
	9RER19025	International Research, Development ..	2018		169,130		100,000	269,130
	2UZB19004	Creation of Digital Skills Center for Wo..	2019		45,950		45,950	91,900
	2KAZ20001	Creation of smart education ecosyste..	2020		27,570		27,570	55,140
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>411,780</b>		<b>342,650</b>	<b>754,430</b>



- Further engagement from national and regional partners will be key to reinforce the implementation of projects in the CIS region

ITU REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM

# ITURDF

CIS REGION  
ONLINE 2020

14-15 December

Status update of projects and  
WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives

[itu.int/go/RDF-CIS2020](http://itu.int/go/RDF-CIS2020)



Organized by

#ICT4SDG

 SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS

 2025  
World Summit  
on the Information Society  
Turning targets into action  
Geneva 2000 | Tunis 2005 | New York 2015

