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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AFRICA REGION;

1. What should be the **key strategic priorities for ITU for the 2020-2023** period, taking into account the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals?

Input;

* Bridging the digital divide through provision of universal access to affordable broadband.
* Bridging the Gender Divide in the Use and Development of ICTs.
* Eradication of poverty through the use of ICT.
* Digital literacy and financial inclusion for e-Commerce.
* Enabling the Fourth Industrial Revolution
* Harmonization of Policies and Legislative Instruments.
* ITU to report on Implementation of Resolutions (M&E).
* Mechanisms to foster ICT Innovation.

1. What are the **key technological trends** ITU should consider while planning its strategy?

Input;

* IMT-2020 to enable (Internet of all Things [Intelligent Apps and Intelligent Things], 5G,Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Smart Cities, Big Data, etc.).
* Virtual and Augmented Reality (better than 3D, 4D)
* Automation of Things (M2M Learning, Self-driving Cars, Robotics, etc.)

1. What do you consider to be the **top three challenges** for the ITU and the **top three achievements** you would like to see the ITU accomplish in the 2020-2023 timeframe?

**Input:**

**Top Three Challenges:**

* Cyber Security[with Adaptive Security Architecture as a solution].
* Data Protection and Privacy.
* Environmental Issues - E-Waste and Climate Change.
* Insufficient Budget
* Digital Divide.

**Top Three Achievements**:

* Universal access and digital inclusion.
* Capacity Building for the Membership of ITU.
* Reduction of E-waste by 50% between 2020 and 2023 of what we have today.
* Increased participation in the private sector, particularly operators, and more contributions from operators.

1. Any other thoughts or comments you would like to make?

For the successful implementation of the 2020-2023 strategic plan, the following mechanism has been advised by the Africa region to be put in place:

## ITU is recommended to have in place a coordination and implementation of the strategic and financial plan Committee that will consistently follow up and advice on the gaps / challenges faced during the implementation process to ensure proper linkage of activities and results.