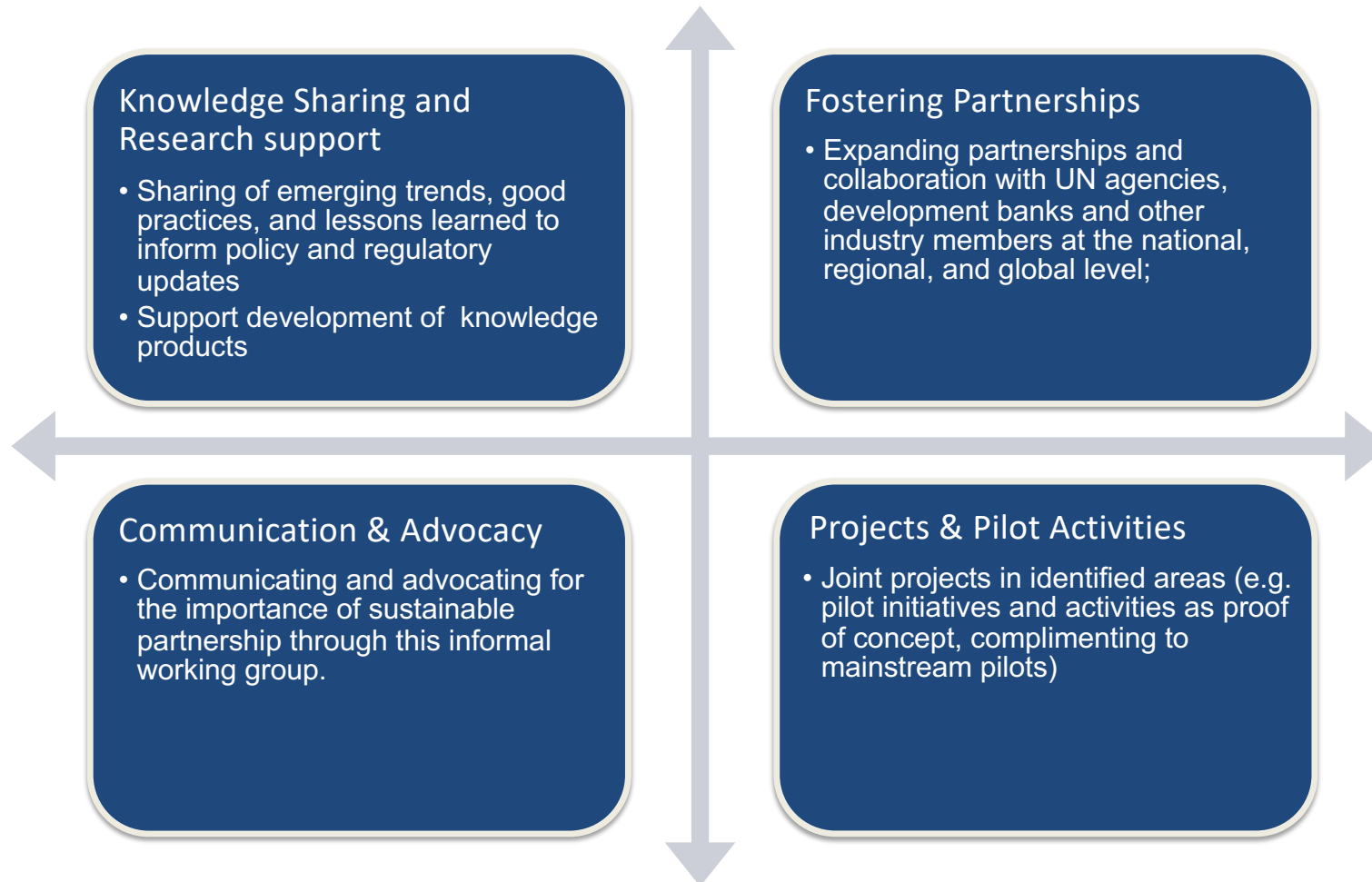# ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

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Why do we need this informal working group?

Knowledge Sharing and Research support

- Sharing of emerging trends, good practices, and lessons learned to inform policy and regulatory updates
- Support development of knowledge products

Fostering Partnerships

- Expanding partnerships and collaboration with UN agencies, development banks and other industry members at the national, regional, and global level;

Communication & Advocacy

- Communicating and advocating for the importance of sustainable partnership through this informal working group.

Projects & Pilot Activities

- Joint projects in identified areas (e.g. pilot initiatives and activities as proof of concept, complimenting to mainstream pilots)

What is the proposed structure?

Draft Regional Plan 2022-2025

Topics proposed by Industry

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

RP-ASP 2: Harnessing information and communication technologies to support the digital economy and inclusive digital societies

RP-ASP-3: Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity and connecting the unconnected

RP-ASP-4: Enabling policy and regulatory environments to accelerate digital transformation

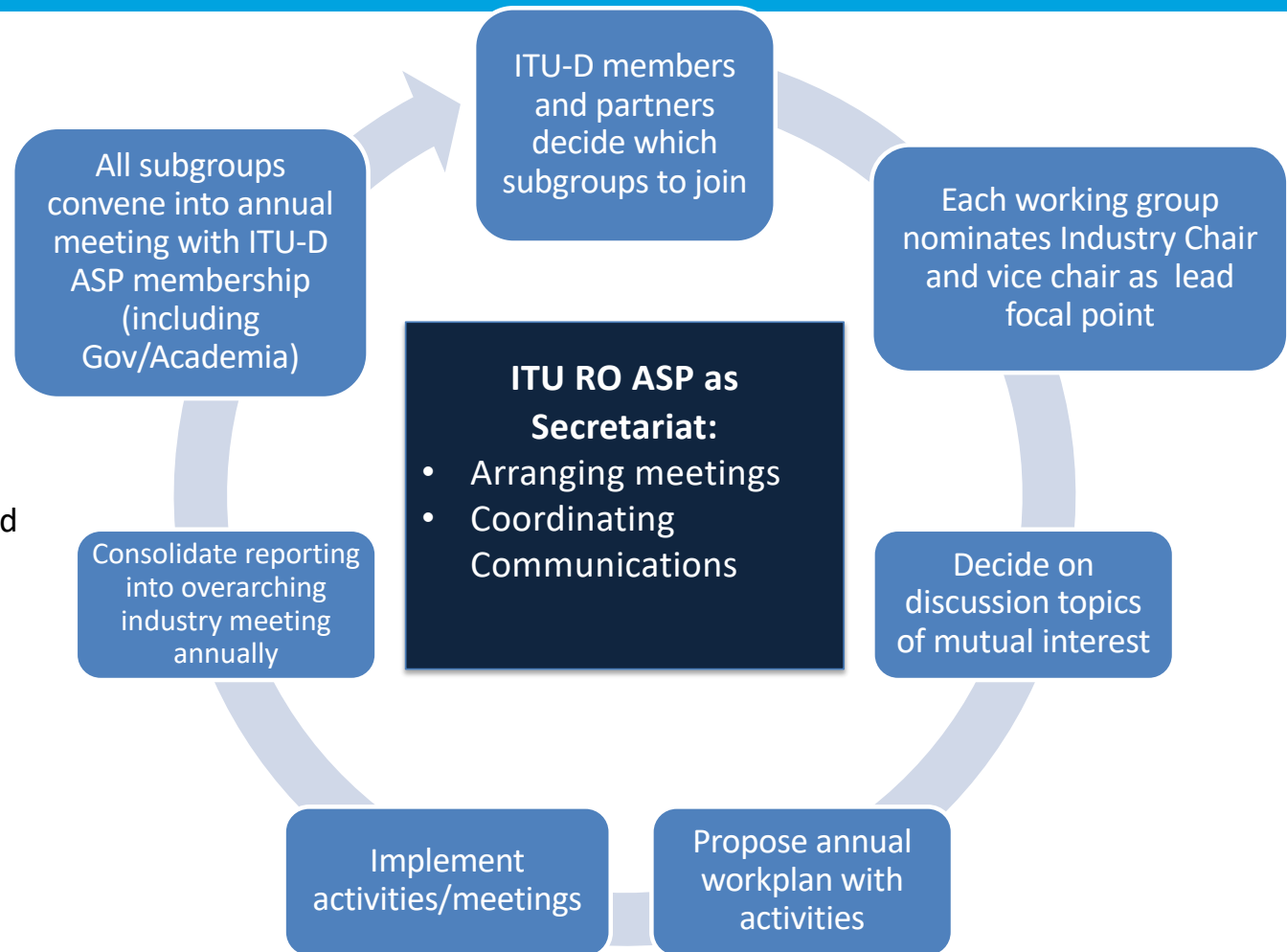**RP-ASP-5:** Contributing to a secure and resilient ICT environment

The RP-ASPs listed here are still provisional and are awaiting approval
Draft expected results under each RP-ASP are available here

How will the groups function?

Potential Activities:

- Information session on the topic of importance to the industry and region;
- Joint research, publication of case studies, and working papers on emerging trends and policy recommendations;
- Projects and pilot initiatives;
- Advocacy via social media and other communications means.

ITU-D members and partners decide which subgroups to join

Each working group nominates Industry Chair and vice chair as lead focal point

Decide on discussion topics of mutual interest

Propose annual workplan with activities

Implement activities/meetings

Consolidate reporting into overarching industry meeting annually

All subgroups convene into annual meeting with ITU-D ASP membership (including Gov/Academia)

ITU RO ASP as Secretariat:
- Arranging meetings
- Coordinating Communications

What are the next steps?

Questions for industry:

- What topics should be discussed in the working group and subgroups?
  - *Connectivity (Rural, Urban, Semiurban)*
  - Telecom regulation, including taxation and competition:
  - Digital services and applications (smart city, whole of government, smart village, smart islands, *telemedicine*)
  - *Digital Economy (including legal reform/masterplans*)
  - *Innovation*
  - ICT accessibility:
  - Inclusion and capacity development:
  - Education
  - Sustainability and digital transformation (*including financing mechanisms)*
  - Resilience and distributed networks:
  - Cybersecurity (*Data Security/Privacy/Protection*)
  - Child Online Protection
- What do members want to see as **outputs** and **results** from this working group?
- What is the 'value proposition' for industry to proactively engage?
- Are the subgroups as designed of interest to Industry?
- How would industry like to see this working group structured?

Thank You

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