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Status update of  
projects and WTDC-17  
Regional Initiatives

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# ABOUT BDT PROJECTS

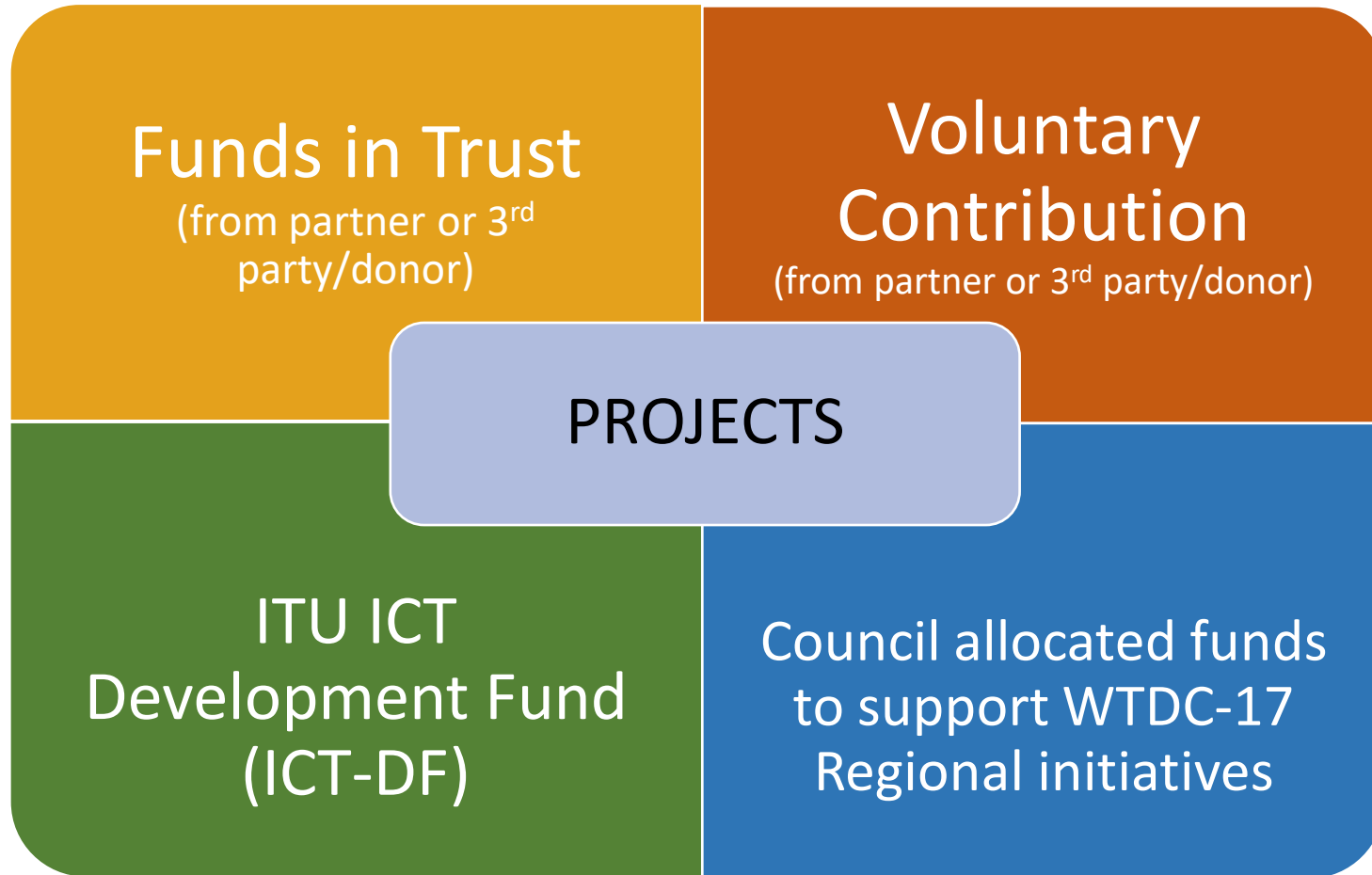
Our projects can be classified as:

Multi Region

Regional

National

# 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.

# 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.

# About WTDC Regional Initiatives (RIs)

- **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)

# Financial resources from ITU for 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.

# A focus on WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives for ASP

RI	Short name	Regional Initiative
ASP1	LDCs, SIDS and LLDCs	Addressing special needs of least-developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific island countries, and landlocked-developing countries
ASP2	E-services and Digital Inclusion	Harnessing ICTs to support the digital economy and an inclusive digital society
ASP3	Network and digital infrastructure	Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity
ASP4	Policy and Regulation	Enabling policy and regulatory environments
ASP5	Cybersecurity	Contributing to a secure and resilient environment

# STATUS OF PROJECTS IN ASP REGION

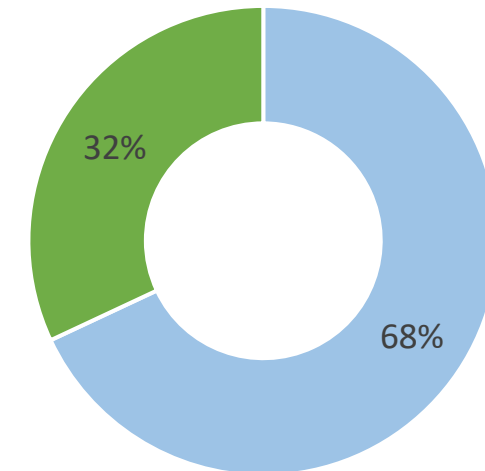


# Overview of ITU Projects currently Ongoing in Asia-Pacific

## Portfolio of National and Regional Ongoing Projects

	Projects	Partner contribution	ITU Funds	Total (CHF)
National projects	2	2,896.7		2,896.7
Regional projects	4	1,138.9	222.0	1,360.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4,035.6</b>	<b>222.0</b>	<b>4,257.6</b>

## Ongoing Projects in ASP: National and Regional (by project budget)



■ National ■ Regional

# Detailed information on ITU Projects in ASP signed from 2018

(WTDC-17 Action Plan implementation: National and regional projects)

Title	Thematic priority	Status	External funds	ITU Funds	Total Project Budget	Country	Main RI activated
ITU-NBTC Training Programme 2018	Capacity building	Closed	38.8		38.8	Thailand	RI2. E-services and Digital Inclusion
Enabling policy and regulatory environment in Asia-Pacific	Policy and regulation	Under closing	203.3		203.3	Regional	RI 4. Policy and Regulation
ITU-NBTC Training Programme 2019	Capacity building	Under closing	31.0		31.0	Thailand	RI2. E-services and Digital Inclusion
National Implementation of the Financial Inclusion Global Initiative (FIGI) in China	Digital services	On-going	202.5		202.5	China	RI2. E-services and Digital Inclusion
Support to Rural Entrepreneurship, Investment and Trade in Papua New Guinea	Digital services	On-going	2,694.2		2,694.2	Papua New Guinea	RI1. SIDS
Harnessing ICTs to support the digital economy and an inclusive digital society	Digital services	On-going	141.6		141.6	Regional	RI2. E-services and Digital Inclusion
Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity in Asia-Pacific	Network and digital infrastructure	On-going	219.5		219.5	Regional	RI 3. Network and digital infrastructure
Child Online Protection (COP) for Asia-Pacific	Cybersecurity	On-going	248.1	44.4	292.5	Regional	RI 5. Cybersecurity
Implementing ASP RIs 2020-21	Multiple	On-going	529.7	177.6	707.3	Regional	RI 1-5.
<b>Total Projects in ASP</b>			<b>4,308.7</b>	<b>222.0</b>	<b>4,530.7</b>		



# Detailed information on projects in ASP signed before 2018 that were under implementation in this cycle\*

(WTDC-17 Action Plan implementation: National and regional projects)

Title	Thematic priority	Status	External funds	ITU Funds	Total Project Budget	Country	Main RI activated
Emergency telecommunications in Asia and the Pacific	Emergency Telecommunications	Closed	155		155		ASP RI 5. Also contributes to ASP RI 1
Cybersecurity in Pacific Island Countries	Cybersecurity	Closed	145		145		ASP RI 5. Also contributes to ASP RI 1
Master plans for spectrum management and country assistance in spectrum management	Network and digital infrastructure	Closed	380		380		ASP RI 3
Development of satellite communications capacity and emergency communications solutions for the Pacific Islands	Network and digital infrastructure	Under Closing	90	452	542		ASP RI 1. Also contributes to other ASP RIs
Capacity building for countering misappropriation of telephone number in Pacific Islands Countries	Cybersecurity	Under Closing	145		145		ASP RI 5

\*These projects are not included in the overall summary as the project agreements were signed in the previous cycle. Project implementation was completed in this cycle.

Funds in k CHF  
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# Multi Region Projects benefiting ASP

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
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

## ITU Resources allocated to RI in ASP region (in k CHF)

Source of ITU funding	Multi	ASP-1	ASP-2	ASP-3	ASP-4	ASP-5	Total Funds allocated
OP actions			145.4	140.0	89.7	92.0	467.1
Projects	770.0		2,910.5		719.0	160.3	4,559.8
RI Projects						329.4	329.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>770.0</b>		<b>3,055.9</b>	<b>140.0</b>	<b>808.7</b>	<b>581.6</b>	<b>5,356.3</b>

## Total funds mobilized through ITU contribution (in k CHF)

Source of ITU funding	In-cash external	ITU ICT-DF	OP and RI funds	Total ITU Funds	Total project funds
OP budget			467.1	467.1	467.1
Regular projects	4,359.8		200.0	200.0	4,559.8
RI Council appr. funds	279.4		50.0	50.0	329.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,639.2</b>		<b>717.1</b>	<b>717.1</b>	<b>5,356.3</b>

# Concluding Remarks

- During the past WTDC-14 cycle, there were 5 RI projects developed for ASP for a value of CHF 1.5 M, and 10 national projects for a value of CHF 1.2 M.
- During the current WTDC-17 cycle, there are 5 RI projects developed for a value of CHF 1.5 M (no change from previous cycle) and 4 national projects, valued at CHF 2.9 M, representing a 2x growth in funding from previous cycle.
- We acknowledge contributions from countries (Australia, Japan, Korea, NBTC – Thailand) and other partners to projects in the ASP region.



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