



# Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG)

28th Meeting, Virtual, 24-28 May 2021



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**Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau**

BDT Director's opening remarks at TDAG-21

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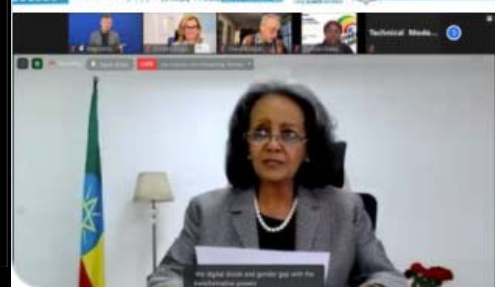
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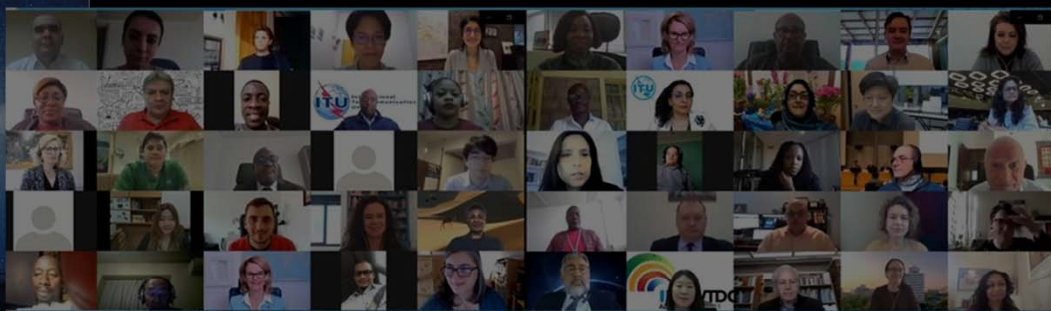
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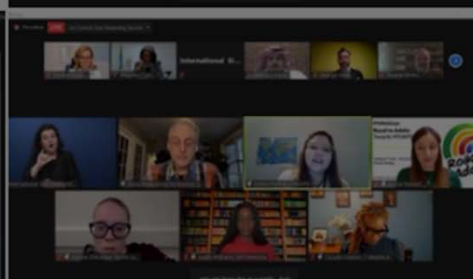
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# The year of connectivity

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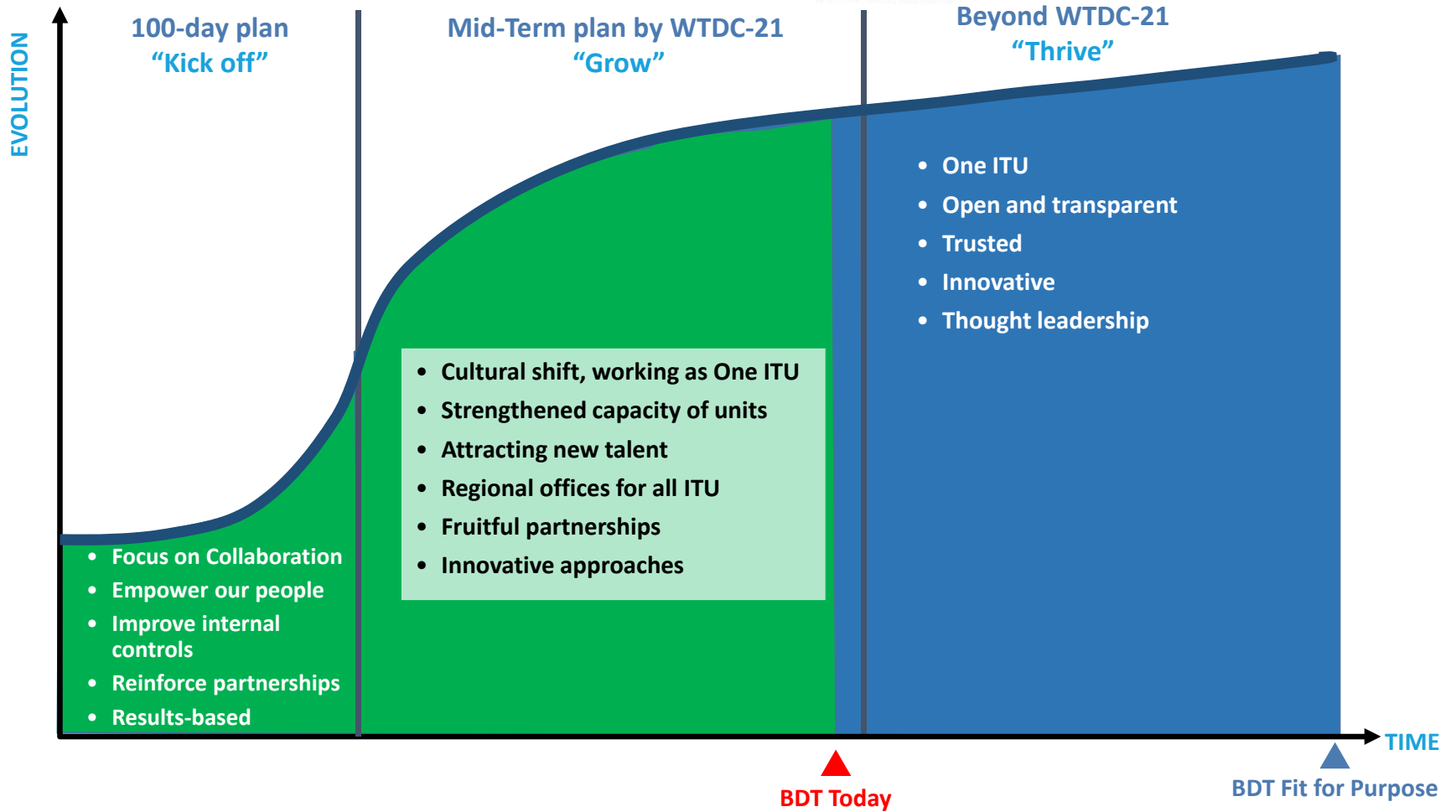


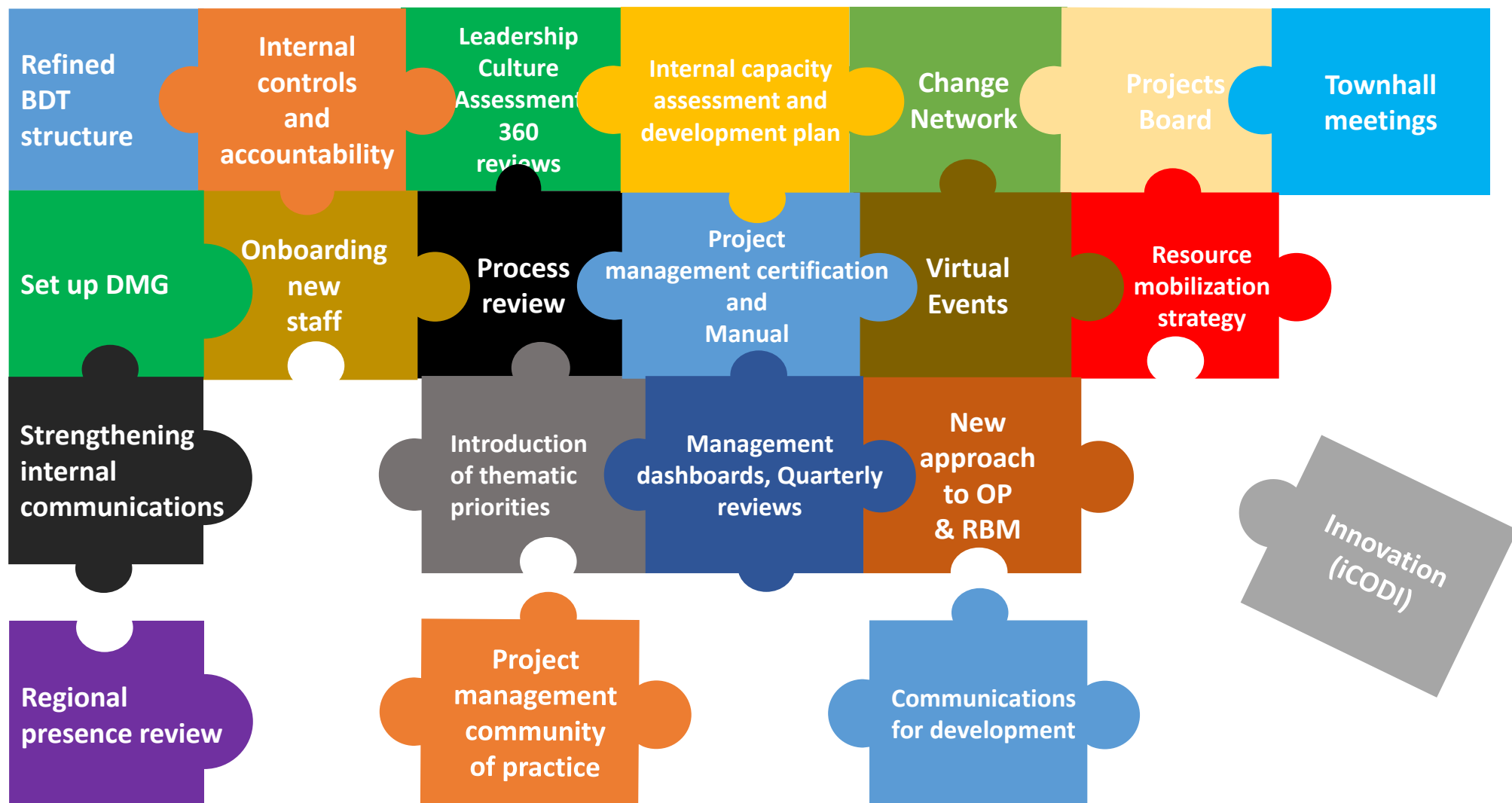
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# ITU WTDC

## ADDIS ABABA 2021

### Road to Addis series



RPMs + IRMs +



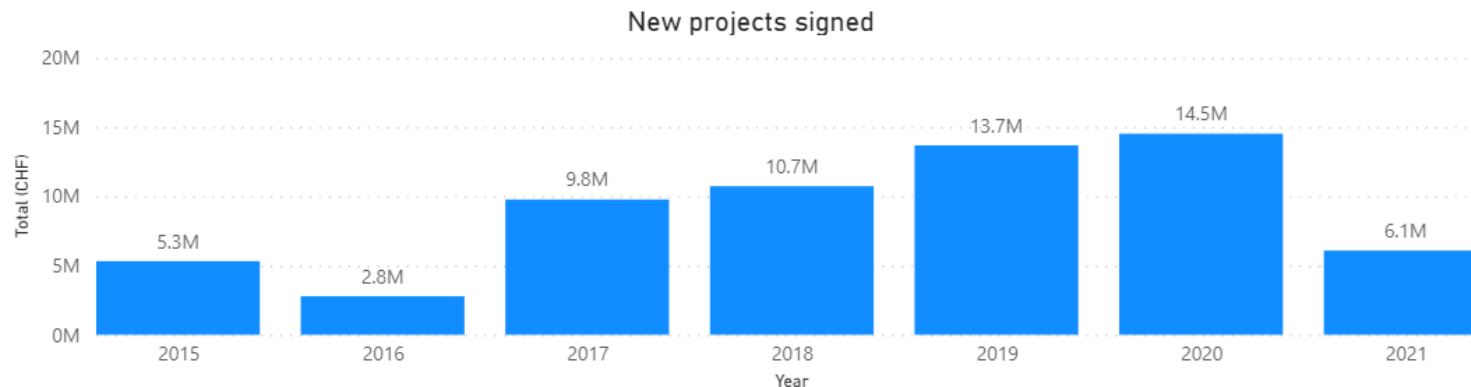
# Delivering the most inclusive WTDC preparatory process

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## Projects



## Multi-stakeholder initiatives



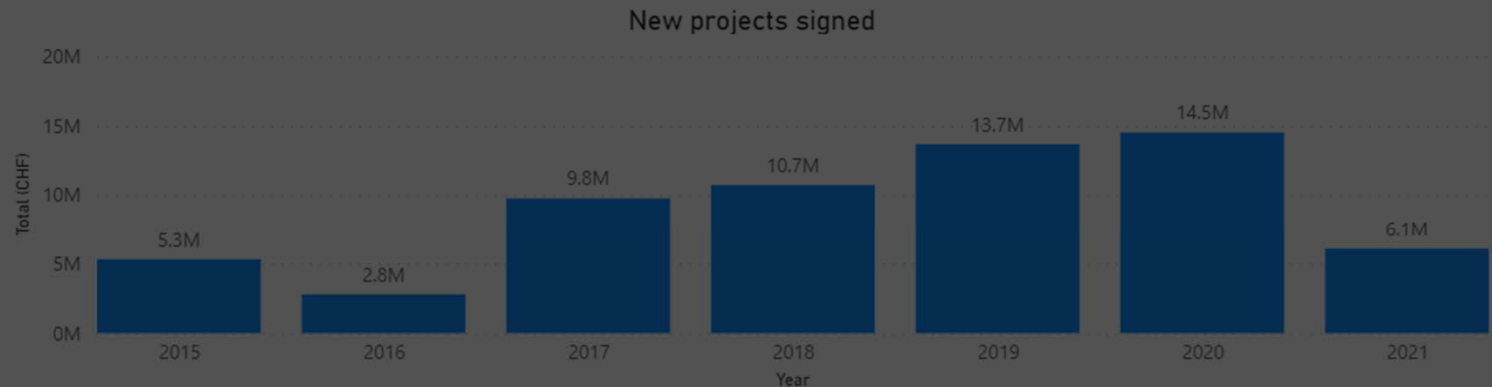
**Digital Transformation Centres**

Partnerships

150+  
new partners  
since WTDC-17



Projects



# Reinforcing technical assistance

Multi-stakeholder initiatives



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125  
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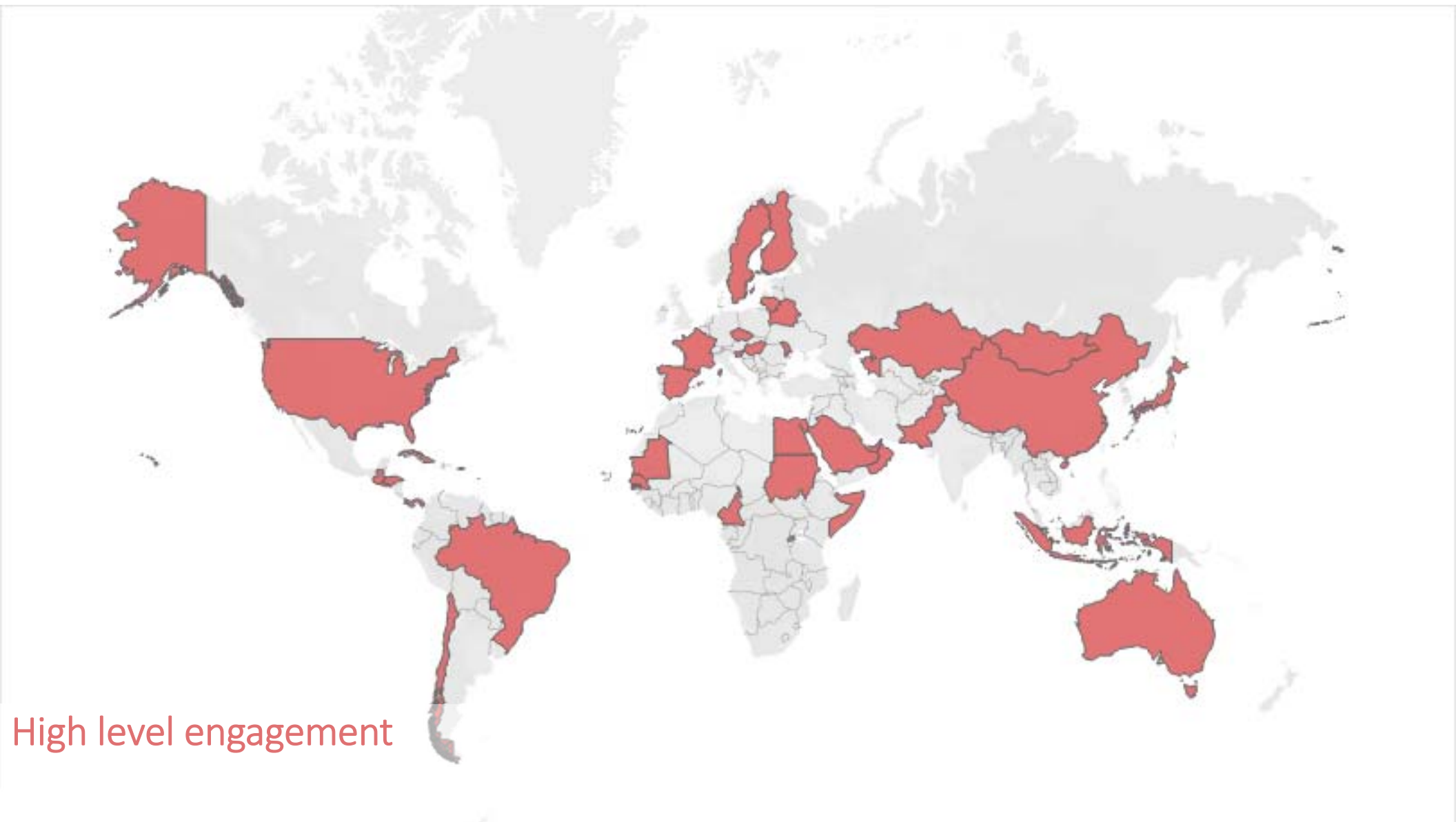
# Achieving a digitally competent society

# Regional Presence Review

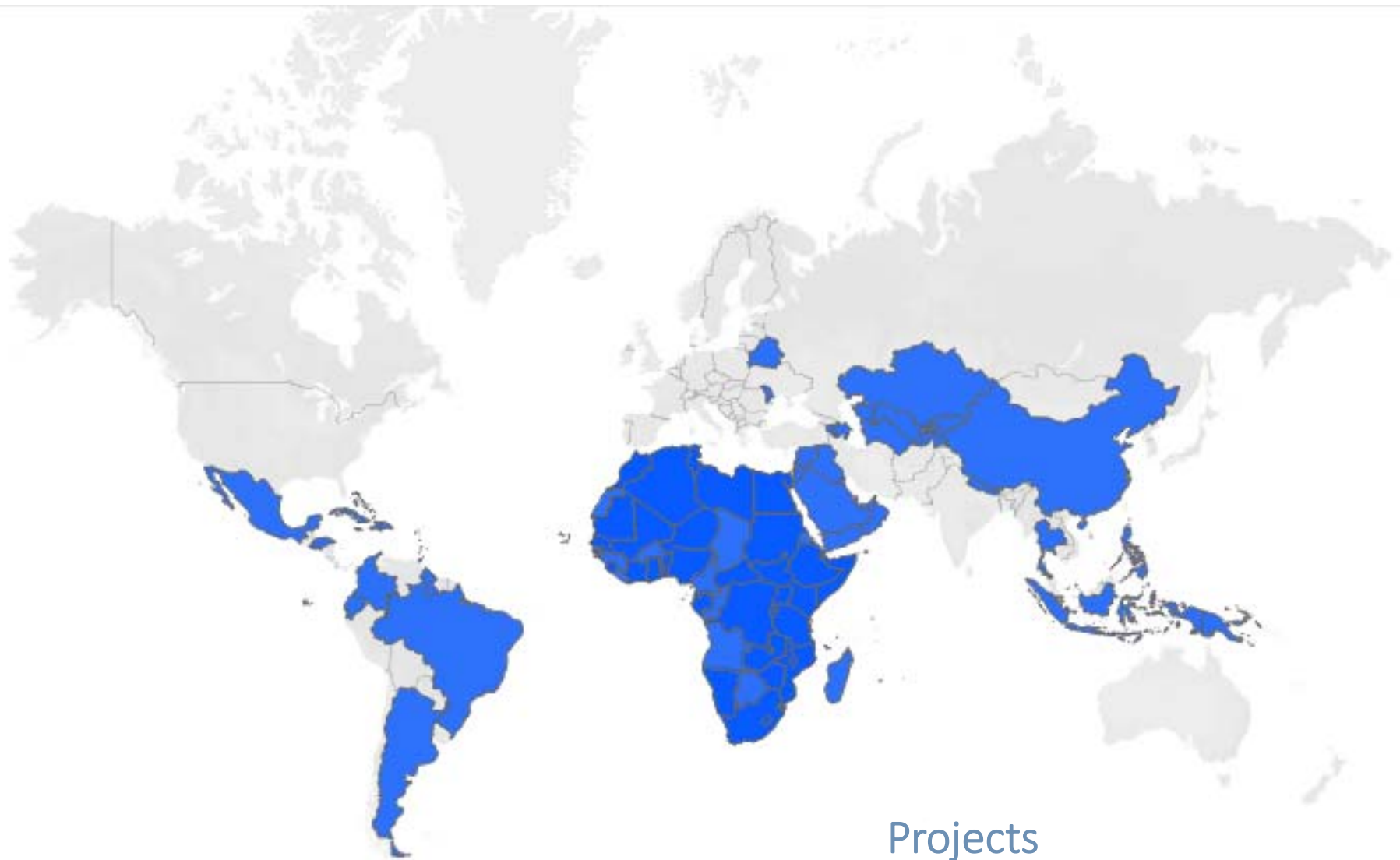
- Ad Hoc Group on Regional Presence has submitted its report to CWG-FHR for review at its next meeting
- 6 Strategic Principles for ITU's Regional Presence proposed
- Strong support for maintaining the current design of the Regional Presence (Regional and Area Offices), subject to alignment with Strategic Principles
- Secretariat to continue to implement the recommendations having regard to the Strategic Principles, and report regularly to Council on progress











Projects  
on the ground







# A member-oriented ITU, delivering impact on the ground

High level engagement

Coordination with  
UN Country Teams

Projects  
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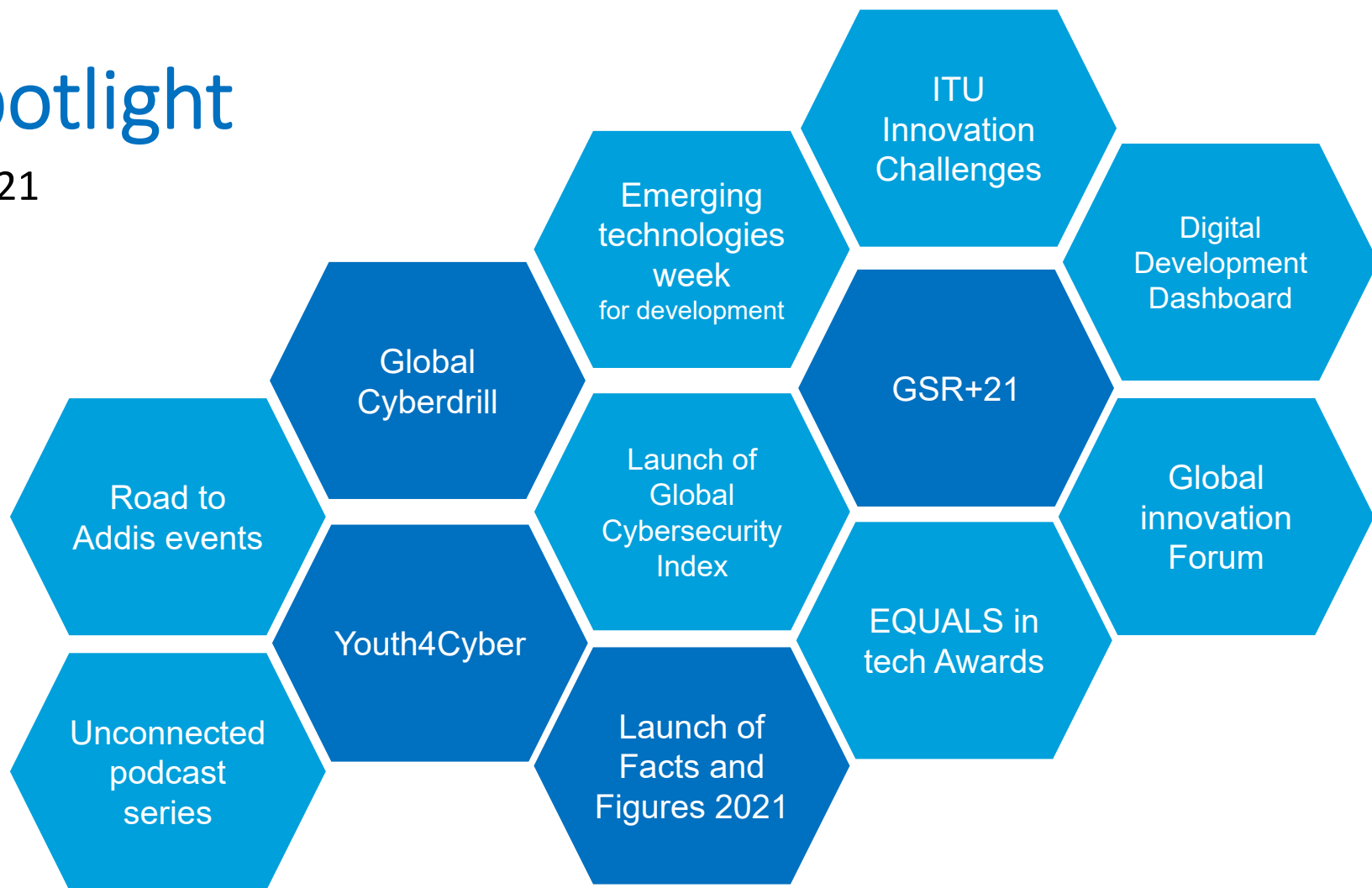
the challenge  
ahead

# In the Spotlight

Coming up in 2021

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*Let's work together  
to strengthen the impact of our work  
and ensure the implementation  
of the Buenos Aires Action Plan*

**Thank you!**

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