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| Member States of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) |
| Proposal for Regional Initiatives for the Americas |
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| **Priority area:** - Thematic Priorities, Action Plan, Regional Initiatives and SG Questions**Summary:**This document contains CITEL’s proposal for the Regional Initiatives for the Americas, as agreed at RPM-AMS.**Expected results:**The Conference is invited to examine and approve the proposals contained in this document.**References:**Regional Initiatives for Americas, as approved by WTDC-17. |

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**SUP** IAP/24A31/1

# AMS1: Disaster risk reduction and management communications

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# AMS2: Spectrum management and transition to digital broadcasting

**SUP** IAP/24A31/3

# AMS3: Deployment of broadband infrastructure, especially in rural and neglected areas, and strengthening of broadband access to services and applications

**SUP** IAP/24A31/4

# AMS4: Accessibility and affordability for an inclusive and sustainable Americas region

**SUP** IAP/24A31/5

# AMS5: Development of the digital economy, smart cities and communities and the Internet of Things, promoting innovation

# AMS1: Disaster risk reduction and management communications

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# AMS1: Deployment of modern, resilient, secure and sustainable telecommunication/ICT infrastructure

**Expected results:**

1. Assistance in the design, funding and implementation of national, regional and sub-regional broadband plans and resilient networks, including support to community networks, with special attention to indigenous communities, underserved and unserved areas, critical environment areas and vulnerable populations, taking into account innovative connectivity solutions that can be locally deployed and managed, including access to spectrum and high-speed networks;

2. Assistance in the development, funding and implementation of national emergency telecommunication plans and network infrastructure;

3. Enhanced and strengthened confidence and security in the use of ICTs, including capacity building and support for the development of national cybersecurity strategies;

4. Effective use of sustainable telecommunications/ICTs to mitigate climate change and enhance environmental sustainability;

5. Assistance in the design of effective spectrum management plans, enabling affordable access to backbone facilities, development of IXPs, and appropriate use of universal service funds.

# AMS2: Spectrum management and transition to digital broadcasting

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# AMS2: Enhancement and expansion of digital literacy, digital skills and digital inclusion programs, especially among vulnerable populations

**Expected results:**

1. Support for the development of human capacity through national, regional and sub-regional capacity building projects, such as training programs or workshops, to exchange expertise and knowledge, as well as national and international experiences to provide practical skills and tools to bridge digital divides, including the gender digital divide, in order to contribute to the development of sustainable telecommunications/ICTs, enhancing competition, investment and innovation;

2. Provision of diligent assistance in the planning, implementation and evaluation of projects and programs on digital literacy, digital skills and digital inclusion.

# AMS3: Deployment of broadband infrastructure, especially in rural and neglected areas, and strengthening of broadband access to services and applications

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# AMS3: Effective support for the digital transformation and innovation ecosystems through scalable, funded and sustainable connectivity projects

**Expected Results:**

1. Assistance in the planning and implementation of foundational infrastructure and special purpose e-services;

2. Increased capacity building and multi-stakeholder cooperation to facilitate and enhance innovation in telecommunications/ICTs in support of digital transformation in the region, with special focus on all developing countries in the region, including LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS, indigenous communities, in particular youth and women in rural, remote, unserved or underserved areas and communities;

3. Promotion of the active engagement of civil society, international financial institutions, industry partners, academia and other relevant stakeholders.

# AMS4: Accessibility and affordability for an inclusive and sustainable Americas region

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# AMS-4: Development of enabling policy and regulatory environments to connect the unconnected through accessible and affordable telecommunications/ICTs that support the achievement of SDGs and the progress towards the digital economy

**Expected Results:**

1. Support and promotion of sustainable telecommunications/ICTs in all developing countries in the region, including LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS, and protected areas for emergency communications and to protect, restore and promote a sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems;

2. Support for the development of an enabling policy and regulatory environment and to facilitate investment and innovation to connect the unconnected and achieve the SDGs;

3. Support for Member States in the implementation of policy and regulatory strategies to connect the unconnected with a focus on affordability, including support of small operators and community networks;

4. Enhanced outreach to all developing countries in the region, including LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, for greater participation in ITU processes and access to finance and expertise;

5. Support for digital financial inclusion and fostering implementation of electronic transactions.

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