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To :

- Administrations of ITU Member States,
- ITU-D Sector Members,
- Academia,
- Regional and International Organizations,
- Regulators,
- Regional Offices of UN System Organizations,
- Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Advisory Groups (TSAG, TDAG, RAG) and ITU-D Study Groups in the Asia-Pacific Region

**Subject: ITU Regional Development Forum for Asia-Pacific (Bangkok, Thailand, 13-15 September 2023)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Regional Development Forum for Asia-Pacific (RDF-ASP) to be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in close collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT). The Forum will be held in a hybrid format from **13 to 15 September 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand**. The theme of this year's Regional Development Forum is **"Digital transformation and innovation for a sustainable and equitable digital future: Supporting the SDGs"**.

The RDF-ASP will be held back-to-back in Bangkok, Thailand with the following events:

- APT Symposium on Inclusive Connectivity, from 11–12 September 2023.
- Regional Groups of ITU-T Study Group 3 (Tariff and accounting principles and international telecommunication/ICT economic and policy issues) and ITU-T Study Group 5 (EMF, environment, climate action, sustainable digitalization, and circular economy), from 11-12 September 2023. This includes a half-day Bridging the Standardization Gap (BSG) hands-on training session on 11 September (AM), open to all interested parties.

The Regional Development Forum for Asia-Pacific provides an opportunity for exchange of views between ITU and decision-makers of ITU Member States and Sector Members as well as other stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region. It serves as a platform for assessing strategic orientations that may have an impact on ITU's regional work plan.

RDF-ASP will report on the outcomes and progress towards the implementation of outcomes from the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-22) held in Kigali, Rwanda in June 2022. Emphasis will be given to the five Regional Initiatives for Asia and the Pacific approved by the WTDC-22. All the stakeholders will have an opportunity to discuss implementation plans.

A special segment of the RDF will be dedicated to the [Partner2Connect Partnership Roundtable](#) that provides an opportunity for match-making. Member States will have an opportunity to present their individual country or regional priorities, and the partners will be invited to respond by announcing their commitments which could be based on the pledges that they have already made or new pledges under the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition, aimed at addressing those needs in Asia-Pacific. This will include commitments to finance or support through in-kind interventions aimed at advancing digital development in the region through the implementation of the WTDC-22 Regional Initiatives.

RDF-ASP will address, from a regional perspective, the results-based management approach applied to all actions carried out in the region as well as activities related to ITU Study Groups, Membership, Partnerships, and special initiatives. These include, but are not limited to, Partner2Connect, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development, GovStack, Smart Villages and Smart Islands (SVSI), Digital Transformation Centres (DTC), Area Office and Innovation Centre in New Delhi, Connect2Recover, Critical Technologies and Cybersecurity, including the Digital Financial Services (DFS) Lab Security Clinic, as well as regional contributions to the implementation of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Action Lines and United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Additionally, there will be a specific segment dedicated to Cybersecurity and the Digital Financial Services (DFS) Security Clinic. The objective of this clinic is to share findings and recommendations from the [FIGI Security Infrastructure and Trust working group](#) for regulators and DFS providers with regards to addressing security challenges for digital finance. The target audience of the clinic includes ICT regulators, Central Banks/Financial, DFS providers, and other interested stakeholders.

RDF-ASP will also offer an opportunity to discuss ITU's role in the UN system and its contribution at regional and country level to foster digital development. Finally, RDF-ASP will take into consideration the regional activities planned by Standardization and Radiocommunication Bureaus as well as General Secretariat at the regional level.

The agenda of the Forum is attached as **Annex 1**.

The RDF is also open for sponsorships. More information about sponsorship opportunities will be available at the following webpage at <http://itu.int/go/QUK8>. The deadline to express interest in the sponsorship package will be available on that webpage. RDFs are open to all stakeholders willing to strengthen cooperation and partnership among telecommunication/ICT policymakers, regulators, industry, academia, regional and international development agencies, and organizations on specific regional telecommunication and ICT matters.

### **Fellowship**

With support from ITU and partners, **one full fellowship per eligible country of the Asia-Pacific region** may be awarded, subject to available funding, to facilitate participation from developing countries. Priority will be given to fellowship applications from Least Developed Countries (LDCs). Preference will be given to applicants attending all the ITU events in Bangkok from 11-15 September 2023. The duly validated fellowship request form (**Annex-2**) and its annexures, if any, must be returned to the Fellowships Service by e-mail to [fellowships@itu.int](mailto:fellowships@itu.int) or by fax: + 41 22 730 57 78, by **11 August 2023** at the very latest. Registration prior to submitting the fellowship request is mandatory.

### **Contributions**

As part of the RDF-ASP 2023, ITU Office for Asia-Pacific is launching a Regional Consultation that presents an opportunity for ITU Member States, Sector Members, and other stakeholders to contribute to ITU's activities at the regional level taking into account the strategic needs of the region and partner offerings/commitments during the period, 2023 – 2025. Stakeholders (Member States, and Partners) who

will attend this RDF'S Partner2Connect roundtables are invited to submit their written contributions to be used as basis for discussions, by **23 August 2023**. These may be submitted to: [ITU-RO-AsiaPacific@itu.int](mailto:ITU-RO-AsiaPacific@itu.int) using the RDF-ASP Contributions Template available at the RDF-ASP website: [Regional Development Forum for Asia-Pacific](#). The contribution form is available as **Annex 3**.

Please note that RDF-ASP will be paperless. Documents related to this event, including agenda, presentations and practical information with guidance on how to connect to the online platform, will be available on the ITU website at <http://itu.int/go/RDF-ASP-23>.

The Forum will be conducted in English language and Chinese language interpretation will be available.

To participate, please register online using the link available on the direct link at <https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Login.aspx?src=Registration&Event=C-00012892> and the ITU Blue page at <http://www.itu.int/go/regitud> no later than **11 September 2023**.

For any additional enquiry, Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (e-mail: [itu-ro-asiapacific@itu.int](mailto:itu-ro-asiapacific@itu.int)), remains at your disposal.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava  
Director

**Annex 1:** Concept Note and Agenda

**Annex 2:** Fellowship form

**Annex 3:** Contribution Form

## Concept Note and Agenda


ITU REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM

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## ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

### BANGKOK 2023


13-15 September  
Bangkok, Thailand (Hybrid)




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### Summary

#### ➤ What:

Asia and the Pacific Regional Development Forum 2023 (ASP RDF-2023 under the theme, “Digital transformation and innovation for a sustainable and equitable digital future: Supporting the SDGs” aims to identify the emerging priorities for Digital Connectivity and serve as a platform for sharing strategies with partners leading to advance universal meaningful connectivity and sustainable digital transformation. It will also focus on matchmaking Member States needs based on national and regional priorities and partner pledges made within the framework of the ITU Partner2Connect Digital Coalition currently valued at over US 30 billion dollars. There will also be an opportunity for partners to announce new pledges.

#### ➤ When & where:

- Hybrid, 13-15 September 2023.
- Place: Bangkok, Thailand
- Event webpage: <http://itu.int/go/RDF-ASP-23>
- Remote participation:  
<https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Login.aspx?src=Registration&Event=C-00012892>
- Platform: Zoom

#### ➤ Targeted participants:

Asia and the Pacific Regional Development Forum 2023 is organized to provide an opportunity for high-level dialogue between the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and decision-makers of ITU Member States, Sector Members, UN agencies and other key development stakeholders from the region.

# SESSION TIME MANAGEMENT

**13 – 15 September 2023**

Time: GMT+7 (BKK/JKT)		
Day 1 (Wednesday, 13 September 2023)	Day 2 (Thursday, 14 September 2023)	Day 3 (Friday, 15 September 2023)
<i>Main meeting room</i>	<i>Main meeting room</i>	<i>Main meeting room</i>
09:00-09:45 <b>RDF 2023</b> <b>Opening Ceremony</b>	09:00-10:30 <b>RDF 2023</b> <b>Session 5: Regional Initiatives ASP 1: Partner2Connect Matchmaking Roundtable</b>	09:00-10:30 <b>RDF 2023</b> <b>Session 9: Regional Initiatives ASP 3: Partner2Connect Matchmaking Roundtable</b>
09:45-10:30 <b>RDF 2023</b> <b>Session 1: UN Resident Coordinator's session (Digital inclusion and Digital Skills)</b>		
10:30-10:40 <b>RDF 2023</b> <b>Signing of Joint Declaration with Huawei</b>	<u>10:30-10:45</u> <u>Coffee break (15minutes)</u>	<u>10:30-10:45</u> <u>Coffee break (15minutes)</u>
10:40-10:50 <b>RDF 2023</b>	10:45-12:15 <b>RDF 2023</b>	10:45-12:15 <b>RDF 2023</b>

Signing of Cooperation Agreement with Indosat	Session 6: Regional Initiatives ASP 2: Partner2Connect Matchmaking Roundtable	Session 10: Regional Initiatives ASP 4: Partner2Connect Matchmaking Roundtable
<u>10:50 – 11:05</u>  <u>Coffee break (15minutes)</u>		
11:05-12:15  RDF 2023  Session 2: Outcomes of ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference WTDC) and Where we are (Report on the implementation of the Outcomes including Regional Initiatives)		
<u>12:15-13:45</u>  <u>Lunch break (90 minutes)</u>	<u>12:15-13:45</u>  <u>Lunch break (90 minutes)</u>	<u>12:15-13:45</u>  <u>Lunch break (90 minutes)</u>
13:45-15:15  RDF 2023  Session 3: P2C Let's talk about the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition Roundtable	13:45-14:45  RDF 2023  Session 7: Regional Regulatory Roundtable	13:45-15:15  RDF 2023  Session 11: Regional Initiatives ASP 5: Partner2Connect Matchmaking Roundtable
<u>15:15-15:30</u>  <u>Coffee break (15 minutes)</u>	<u>14:45-15:00</u>  <u>Coffee break (15 minutes)</u>	
15:30-16:00  RDF 2023	15:00-16:00  Session 8: <u>Partner2Connect: New pledge announcements</u>	<u>15:15-15:30</u>  <u>Coffee break (15 minutes)</u>

Session 4: Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development		15:30-16:30
		RDF 2023
16:00-18:00	16:00-18:00	Session 12: <u>Partner2Connect: Announcement of new Pledges</u>
RDF 2023	RDF 2023	
Digital Financial Services (DFS) Security Clinic	Digital Financial Services (DFS) Security Clinic	16:30-16:45
		RDF 2023
		Summary Report and Outcomes
		16:45-17:00
		RDF 2023
		Closing Ceremony
		RDF 2023
		17:00-18:00
		Post RDF Session (TBC)

## **RDF 2023 (ASP) Sessions**

### **Opening ceremony**

Formal opening session with policy statements from leadership level. The theme of the session would be “Digital transformation and innovation for a sustainable and equitable digital future: Supporting the SDGs”. A short video clip highlighting the theme and recent activities from the Asia Pacific region will be played (TBD).

### **Session 1: UN Resident Coordinator’s session**

The session would bring together development partners from agencies working under the UN umbrella in the region. The main objective of the sessions is to explore synergies in achieving SDGs by harnessing the use of ICTs. Targeted speakers are from UNRCOs and regional UN agencies.

### **Signing of Joint Declaration with Huawei**

### **Signing of a Cooperation Agreement with Indosat**

### **Session 2: Outcomes of ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-22) and Where we are (Report on the implementation Regional Initiatives)**

The Session will share the outcomes of the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference 2022 and will also present the Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 (in particular the agreed ITU Strategic Plan 2023-27) in as far as ITU-D work is concerned.

Additionally, the session would focus on highlighting the ICT footprint of Asia and the Pacific Region based on the ITU statistics and figures of 2022, and the needs of the region, sub-regions, or specific member country for recommended interventions. In addition to highlighting the Logical Framework of RO-ASP in the attainment of the regional needs aligned with the expected outcomes of the global priorities and the work plan adopted by the Kigali declaration, the session would share with the members a brief of ongoing partnerships including projects. The session aims to attract the blessings of stakeholders and bring members and partners including those in the UN system to contribute and collaborate towards the implementation of regional initiatives of RO-ASP.

WTDC-22 stipulated five Asia and the Pacific Regional Initiatives with the shift from activity-based implementation to result-based outcomes with impact harnessing the role of ICT in achieving Sustainable Development Goals through Digital Transformation fostering cross-sectoral collaboration. The session aims to discuss how the efforts of ITU’s Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, including projects through Regional Initiatives, technical assistance, training and partnerships, have contributed towards the expected results of the WTDC-22 and to encourage current and potential partners to mobilise resources to further implement the Regional Initiatives with impact and outcome.

### **Session 3: Partner2Connect Matchmaking Roundtable**

This session will introduce what is P2C, who can make a pledge and join the P2C Digital Coalition, the type of pledges and how members can benefit from submitting a pledge. Announce all the ground-breaking pledges that have been submitted so far to the P2C platform to advance universal meaningful connectivity. Encourage more members to pledge and mobilize the resources needed to connect those who are still offline.

The Partner2Connect (P2C) Digital Coalition is a multistakeholder alliance launched by ITU in line with the UN Secretary-General’s Roadmap for Digital Cooperation to foster meaningful connectivity and digital transformation globally. It focuses on but not limited to hardest- to-connect communities in Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).  
<https://www.itu.int/itu-d/sites/partner2connect/#:~:text=The%20Partner2Connect%20Digital%20Coalition%20works,Empowering%20communities>



Existing P2C pledges shall be highlighted to illustrate how the engagement in the coalition potentially benefits the key actors and how it could function as a marketplace where the demands meet potential supportive supplies. The session shall also involve participants to access the P2C databases as well as simulating how to make the pledges. There is also a scope to invite Cambodia to share their plan to organise a national-level P2C session, which is presently being postponed.

#### **Session 4: Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development**

This session will provide an overview of the background and launch of the ITU Area Office for South Asia and the Innovation Centre. It will highlight the workplan and the events and will discuss ways for the ITU-D membership to become involved with the operationalization of both the Area Office as well as the Innovation Centre. It will also highlight the newly launched initiative led by the Telecommunication Development Bureau on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance as this topic was adopted as a regional initiative in all the regions.

#### **Session 5: Regional Initiatives ASP 1: Partner2Connect Matchmaking Roundtable**

**ASP1:** Addressing special needs of least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific Island countries, and landlocked developing countries.

This session would focus on the priority telecommunication/ICT requirements to LDCs, SIDS including Pacific Island countries, and LLDCs. Key focus of the session will be to share national developments and requirements in areas of digital transformation at national and community level (Smart Villages and Smart Islands) in the Pacific, Disaster preparedness and quality of service. The session would also share ongoing and forthcoming programmes and projects and highlight opportunities for partnerships.

#### **Session 6: Regional Initiatives ASP 2: Partner2Connect Matchmaking Roundtable**

**ASP2:** Harnessing information and communication technologies to support the digital economy and inclusive digital societies.

This session focuses on bridging the digital and digital skills divide, particularly in LDCs, LLDCs and SIDs in utilizing ICT and emerging technology to benefit the digital economy and digital society. Within this context, this session will provide an update and an overview of the Whole-of-Government Approach and GovStack initiatives which aims to help countries jumpstart their digital transformation journeys, facilitating long-term and sustainable digital transformation and the application of emerging ICTs. This session will highlight the roles of key stakeholders from Ministries, the UN, and Academia Institutions who are central to these activities, with particular focus on the Govstack, Smart Village Smart Island, and Digital Transformation Centres. Designed in a physical format, this session will feature a keynote presentation and dialogue from these key stakeholders, aiming to foster collaboration and insightful exchanges.

#### **Session 7: Regional Regulatory Roundtable**

Artificial intelligence has made significant progress in recent years. However, there are few agreed upon principles about what “safe” AI development even looks like. It may be difficult to regulate AI due to its complexity and rapid development. Over-regulation could lead to a lack of flexibility and adaptability in using AI. On the other hand, under regulation may create risks and bias, which could harm human beings. This session focuses on how to better regulate AI with consideration to ethical aspects.

#### **Session 8: Partner2Connect: Announcement of new pledges**

This session will elaborate on the overview of the pledges from industry have been submitted so far to the P2C platform in the Asia and the Pacific Region. Encourage more private sectors to make the pledge and join P2C Dialogue.

### **Session 9: Regional Initiatives ASP 3: Partner2Connect Matchmaking Roundtable**

**ASP3:** Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity and connecting the unconnected

The network infrastructure is the basic requirement to support digital services and the digital development of all major government sectors. The connectivity options would foster national efforts on reducing the digital divide in each country and benchmark affordable and meaningful access to communities. This session would focus on highlighting the ITU's initiatives to promote affordable and meaningful access to all, and build resilience in national ICT network infrastructure. The session would highlight ITU products to facilitate development of infrastructure for meaningful connectivity and specific initiatives focusing on sub-regions and selected countries of ASP. Furthermore, the session would also focus on the need to harmonize the national spectrum allocation strategies in line with Radio Regulations agreed at World Radio Conferences.

### **Session 10: Regional Initiatives ASP 4: Partner2Connect Matchmaking Roundtable**

**ASP4:** Enabling policy and regulatory environments to accelerate digital transformation

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is integral to the Future of Asia. Regional governments have started to recognize how important AI is to their economies and digital transformation agenda, hence turning their attention to compelling AI strategies. Despite AI potential, policymakers in Asia Pacific are facing an ethical dilemma to ensure that applications are only deployed once they are safe for the public. Further, AI systems can exhibit biases that stem from their programming and data sources. For women, this can be translated to cases of discrimination, stereotyping, and exclusion. It will be important to consider gender-sensitive policies to harness these innovations in the best possible way. In Asia and the Pacific, Girls in ICT initiative took efforts to introduce AI and gender bias that featured expert presentations that illuminated AI fundamentals and its potential impact to girls and young women in the region. By recognizing and understanding these biases, policymakers can develop gender-sensitive policies that promote responsible and inclusive AI deployment. This session would focus on highlighting the ITU's initiatives to improve capacity and awareness among related stakeholders, especially the policy makers, as well as enhancing multi-stakeholder engagement, participation and coordination on AI technology standards and policy processes that support gender and social inclusions.

### **Session 11: Regional Initiatives ASP 5: Partner2Connect Matchmaking Roundtable**

**ASP5:** Contributing to a secure and resilient information and communication technology environment

This session focuses on Regional Initiative 5, Contributing to a secure and resilient information and communication technology environment. Noting the cybersecurity discussions in the previous day's Session 10, Session 11 will specifically highlight the state of secure and resilient ICT in the Asia-Pacific region, including to combat the effects of climate change. It will feature a conversation highlighting the circular economy and e-waste, national emergency telecommunications planning, early warning for all, CAP and national cybersecurity. Designed in a physical format, this session will feature a dialogue from key stakeholders involved in each of these domains, aiming to foster collaboration and insightful exchanges on enhancing ICT security and resilience.

### **Session 12: Partner2Connect: Announcement of new Pledges**

This session will introduce and elaborate on the expectations of the P2C programme for Academia members and how it benefits participating organisations. We will introduce a few examples of pledges in the Asia and the Pacific Region so the audience can picture what the potential collaboration and impact Academia members can create together. We will encourage participants from Academic to join P2C.

### **Summary Report and Outcomes**

This session will elaborate on the overall session delivered at the Regional Development Forum for Asia and the Pacific this year. Its purpose is to encourage current and potential partners to mobilize resources for the further implementation of the Regional Initiatives, with a focus on generating impact and achieving desired

outcomes. The session will also provide a platform to share the next steps and actions that the regional office can undertake to assist member states, sector members, and academia in Asia and the Pacific.

### **Closing Ceremony**

Formal closing session with policy statements from leadership level as to conclude the ITU Regional Development Forum for Asia-Pacific 2023.

### **Digital Financial Services (DFS) Security Clinic**

The main objectives of the DFS Security Clinic are to provide insights into the recommendations on digital financial services security that can be adopted by regulators and DFS providers.

The event will provide insights into:

- Security best practices for SIM swaps and addressing fraud in digital financial services
- Addressing the threats and vulnerabilities of mobile payment applications operating on USSD, STK and Android
- Methodology for testing security of mobile payment applications
- Security controls to be implemented to address infrastructure vulnerabilities such as SS7

## **Fellowship Form**

### **APPLICATION FOR A FELLOWSHIP**

*Participation of women is encouraged*

**ITU Regional Development Forum for Asia-Pacific**

**Bangkok, Thailand**

**13-15 September 2023**

Deadline: **11 August 2023** (2359 hours, Geneva CH time)

*Any application received after this date will not be considered.*

Country
Name of the Administration

Personal information	
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/>
Family name ( <i>as in passport</i> )	
Middle name ( <i>if any, as in passport</i> )	
First/given name ( <i>as in passport</i> )	
Date of birth	DD/MM/YYYY
Place of birth	DD/MM/YYYY
Additional information	
Accessibility needs/Specific needs ( <i>please specify</i> )	

Contact details
E-mail
Phone number
Passport information
Nationality
Passport number
Date of issue <i>DD/MM/YYYY</i>
Place of issue
Valid until <i>DD/MM/YYYY</i>

Education
Degree/Diploma/Field of study
Work experience
Exact title of post
Years of service
Brief description of your current functions <i>(add pages if necessary)</i>
Your experience in the field of the activity/event <i>(add pages if necessary)</i>
Practical use of the knowledge upon return to your administration <i>(add pages if necessary)</i>

<p>Have you already benefited from fellowship(s) during the past year?</p> <p>If yes, please list each activity below</p>
<p>The RDF will be held in a hybrid format on <b>13 – 15 September 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand</b>. It will be held back-to-back with the APT Symposium on Inclusive Connectivity, from 11 – 12 September 2023 in the same venue.</p> <p>Please indicate if you would like to also attend APT Symposium on Inclusive Connectivity, from 11 – 12 September 2023 will be held in Bangkok, Thailand:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p>

<p><b>Annex(es)</b></p> <p><i>(select the appropriate option(s) and indicate number of pages annexed)</i></p>
<p>Any document/information in direct relation with the application, if any</p>
<p>CV, if any</p>

<p><b>Conditions</b></p>
<p><b>Criteria of selection</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Selection criteria are announced in the invitation letter;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fellowships will be awarded with a view to maintaining equitable geographical distribution, gender balance and the inclusion of participants with disabilities and with specific needs, within budgetary constraints.</p>
<p><b>Composition of the fellowship</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>One full fellowship (air ticket + appropriate daily subsistence allowance).</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other expenses not included in the fellowship offer must be borne by the participant's Administration.</p>
<p>I hereby certify that the statements made by me in this application are true and complete. If selected for a fellowship, I undertake to:</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Attend the entire meeting on 13 to 15 September 2023</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Inform ITU whenever there are changes in my availability that will affect the terms of my ITU award.</p>

In signing the form, both, the candidate and the approving officer certify that they have read the conditions and accept them in their entirety.

Date

Signature of the candidate

The fellowship candidature shall be considered valid only if submitted and duly signed by the national designated focal point of an administration of a Member State.

Date

Name of the national designated focal point

Job title

Signature

Stamp of the administration

*The form must be duly completed and validated by the relevant authority and must be returned together with any annexes within the established deadline, to*

*[fellowships@itu.int](mailto:fellowships@itu.int) or by fax +41 22 730 57 78*

*Any request which does meet the above requirements will not be considered.*

Annex 3  
**Contribution Form**

## ITU Regional Development Forum for Asia-Pacific (RDF-ASP)

*Digital transformation and innovation for a sustainable and equitable digital future: Supporting the SDGs*

organized by the International Telecommunication Union

**13-15 September 2023**

**Bangkok, Thailand**

Bangkok Time (GMT+7)

Please note that submitted information will be presented during the RDF-ASP P2C Roundtables and it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner 2 Connect Digital Coalition.

**Once completed send to [ITU-RO-AsiaPacific@itu.int](mailto:ITU-RO-AsiaPacific@itu.int)**

### CONTRIBUTION FORM

**ORGANIZATION:** [Name of the submitting organization and country]

**FOCAL POINT:** [First Name and Surname, Title, email address, phone number]

**TITLE:** [Title of submission]

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:** [Provide a brief description up to 500 words]

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**COUNTRIES in FOCUS:** [Name countries to be impacted by this action]

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**YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION:** [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☐ 2023

☐ 2024

☐ 2025

**RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE:** [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☐ ASP1: Addressing special needs of least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific Island countries, and landlocked developing countries

☐ ASP2: Harnessing information and communication technologies to support the digital economy and inclusive digital societies

☐ ASP3: Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity and connecting the unconnected

☐ ASP4: Enabling policy and regulatory environments to accelerate digital transformation

☐ ASP5: Contributing to a secure and resilient information and communication technology environment

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22,

[https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/v2/2023/ITU-Asia-and-the-Pacific-Regional-Initiatives-\(2023-2025\).aspx](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/v2/2023/ITU-Asia-and-the-Pacific-Regional-Initiatives-(2023-2025).aspx)

**RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2022**

☐ Affordable connectivity

☐ Digital Transformation

☐ Enabling policy and regulatory environment

☐ Resource mobilization and international cooperation

☐ Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

Please find more information on the ITU-D Priorities, as defined by WTDC-22, [here](#).

**RELATED ITU PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE 2022**

- ☐ Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services
- ☐ International telecommunication numbering resources
- ☐ Inclusive and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services
- ☐ Digital applications
- ☐ Enabling environment

Please find more information on the ITU Priorities, as defined by PP-22, [here](#)

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