

## **INTRODUCTION**

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-22), held from 6 to 16 June 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda, adopted the Kigali Declaration and the Kigali Action Plan (KAP), which includes 28 Regional Initiatives (RIs)<sup>1</sup>.

This information document presents a mapping of projects implemented between 2023 and 2025 and that included activities in support of any the WTDC-22 Regional Initiatives for the CIS Region. The report includes projects implemented at the regional or national level, as well as multi-regional projects that had activities in the region<sup>2</sup>. In this mapping, projects are presented by Region and Regional Initiative, presenting a brief overview of the expected results and achievements for each project. To facilitate accessing information, projects that have contributed to more than one Regional Initiative are presented in each of the RIs to which they contribute<sup>3</sup>.

Further information on each of the projects mentioned in the document is available by searching by Project Number at the ITU-D Projects Portal<sup>4</sup> as well as in the ITU-D Projects Dashboard for ITU Members<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> More information about these Regional Initiatives is available at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Pages/regional-initiatives-2023-2025.aspx>.

<sup>2</sup> Note that projects that didn't have a direct linkage to any of the WTDC-22 Regional Initiatives were not included in the mapping

<sup>3</sup> With the exception of the project "Strengthening communications and partnership engagement in support of WTDC Regional Initiatives" (2GLO24138), which contributes to the implementation of all regional initiatives, and which is featured at the end of the document.

<sup>4</sup> Available at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Pages/default.aspx>

<sup>5</sup> Available at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Projects/Pages/reports/default.aspx> (TIES account needed)

Project No	Title	Start Date	End Date	Status	Total funds (CHF)	Coop. Agency	WTDC Res. implemented
2ARM23001	Rural networks pilot project in Armenia	01 Oct. 2023	31 Dec. 2024	Ongoing	25,228	Ministry of High-Tech Industry of the Republic of Armenia	WTDC Rec. 19 WTDC Res. 77
Benef. Countries	Armenia						
Expected results and achievements	1,500 households are covered by the fiber line 1 pilot model developed to expand connectivity in rural and underserved areas in Armenia 5 communities were identified to become target for future scaling of the project.						
9RER20026	International Research, Development and Testing Centre for new equipment, technologies, and services (IRDTC) - Phase 2	01 Jul. 2020	31 Dec. 2025	Ongoing	422,825	Ministry of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation represented by PJSC	WTDC Res. 15
Benef. Countries	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan						
Expected results and achievements	Advanced Recommendations Development: Formulated recommendations on modern technologies and telecommunication market functioning, addressing network security, service quality, and traffic management. Compatibility Models Creation: Developed models for device compatibility and innovation services, aiding the implementation of IoT, Industrial Internet, and Smart City concepts. Testing Laboratory Recommendations: Provided recommendations for setting up and operating testing labs for IoT and Smart Cities, focusing on sustainable development goals. Publication of Testing Methods: Shared methods and results from the IRDTC's testing activities, contributing to the sector's body of knowledge. Training Material Development and Specialist Training: Enhanced research and operational capabilities through additional training materials and sessions, broadening the expertise in IoT and related technologies. Operational Testing and Equipment Procurement: Strengthened the IRDTC's testing operations through expert recruitment, equipment procurement, and comprehensive research activities.						

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9GLO19099	Assistance for the Establishment of National Spectrum Management basic framework systems	01 Jan. 2019	31 Mar. 2025	Implemented	521,251	Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT, former MSIP), Republic of Korea	WTDC Res. 09 WTDC Res. 48
Benef. Countries (including from other regions)	Regional or multi-regional project benefitting countries from the region						
Expected results and achievements	The project assisted beneficiary countries in analysing their existing spectrum management schemes and establishing a fundamental legal, administrative, and institutional structure for a National Spectrum Management System. Additionally, the project focused on building human capacity in these countries regarding the National Spectrum Management System. By building human capacity, the project equipped the participants with the knowledge and skills required to effectively manage the spectrum in their respective countries.						
9GLO23134	Assistance to encourage the use of innovative technologies for building a digital shared prosperity society	01 Jan. 2024	31 Dec. 2025	Ongoing	271,560	Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT), Republic of Korea	WTDC Res. 89
Benef. Countries (including from other regions)	Regional or multi-regional project benefitting countries from the region						
Expected results and achievements	The project is aimed at achieving the following objectives: (1) at least 10 beneficiary countries are assisted to increase the awareness and understanding of innovative technologies through at least 2 global events with around 100 participants each; (2) at least 3 countries and at least 20 participants per training benefited from local trainings.						
9GLO24147	ITU Regional Innovation Initiatives Accelerator (MIIT)	01 Jan. 2024	31 Dec. 2026	Ongoing	221,000	CAICT - China Academy of Information and Communications Technology; China Branch of BRICS Institute of Future Networks	WTDC Res. 90
Benef. Countries (including from other regions)	Regional or multi-regional project benefitting countries from the region						

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Expected results and achievements	The main objective of the RI Accelerator is to utilize an ecosystem-thinking approach to design and accelerate national, regional, and multi-regional projects. This involves recognized methods such as Agile, sense making, systems thinking, and human-centric design to address outstanding needs, amplify regional efforts, and provide support for executing RI digital development projects.						

**RI: CIS 2 - Cybersecurity and personal data protection**

Project No	Title	Start Date	End Date	Status	Total funds (CHF)	Coop. Agency	WTDC Res. implemented
2KYR21002	Establishment of Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT) in the Kyrgyz Republic	01 Oct. 2021	31 Dec. 2025	Ongoing	250,000	Ministry of Digital Development (MDD)	WTDC Res. 45 WTDC Res. 69
Benef. Countries	Kyrgyzstan						
Expected results and achievements	1. Implementation of a Functional CIRT: A comprehensive CIRT was established, providing essential cybersecurity services such as event and incident management, vulnerability management, and situational awareness. This includes monitoring, analysis, coordination, and support for crisis management, significantly enhancing Kyrgyzstan's cybersecurity capabilities. 2. Enhanced Cybersecurity Expertise: The project has led to improved national expertise in cybersecurity, preparing the country better for identifying, preventing, responding to, and resolving cyber incidents. It has also supported the development of national training programs and awareness initiatives to protect the national digital infrastructure. 3. Increased Preparedness for Cyber Incidents: Through the project's efforts, there is now a more capable and efficient CIRT ready to address cyber-attacks on critical information infrastructure, acting as a trusted advisor on cybersecurity matters. 4. Key Performance Indicators Met: The project successfully established the CIRT in Kyrgyzstan, trained at least five government officials to manage it, and developed a roadmap for building a national culture of cybersecurity. This has laid the groundwork for a more secure digital environment in the country.						
9GLO21112	Creating a Safe and Prosperous Cyberspace for Children	01 Aug. 2021	31 Dec. 2025	Ongoing	1,825,338	The National Cybersecurity Authority (NCA) of the Kingdom of the Saudi Arabia	WTDC Res. 45 WTDC Res. 69
Benef. Countries (including from other regions)	Albania, Armenia, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Malta, Morocco, Uzbekistan						

Project No	Title	Start Date	End Date	Status	Total funds (CHF)	Coop. Agency	WTDC Res. implemented
<b>Expected results and achievements</b>	<p>Dissemination and Localization of COP Guidelines: a) Translation of the COP Guidelines and related resources into national languages; b) Development and support of awareness campaigns on the COP guidelines in national languages; c) Organization and delivery of in-person and online trainings in national languages by third parties, providing technical assistance to local stakeholders.</p> <p>Comprehensive Training Programs: a) Development of adaptable face-to-face and online training sessions for children and youth to engage them in consultation and co-creation of COP related processes; b) Implementation of "Train-the-Trainers" programs to enable parents, guardians, educators, and ICT professionals to access safety digital skills tools through innovative platforms based on translated content; c) Roll-out and monitoring and evaluation of the training programs.</p> <p>Development and Support of Digital Tools: Research and development of an open-source game for children under 13 and a mobile app for children under 18 based on the COP Guidelines, featuring Sango, the child online protection mascot.</p> <p>Adoption of National Frameworks: a) Support for the development of draft national frameworks or identification of priority components within a national framework for Child Online Protection based on a review of existing frameworks, policies, and regulations; b) Consultations with international experts to harmonize national frameworks; c) Monitoring and evaluation per strategy development; d) Development of 10 global principles on COP, extending and considering existing frameworks.</p>						
<b>9GLO23124</b>	Partnership for Strengthening Cybersecurity - Phase 1	01 Mar. 2023	31 Dec. 2023	Implemented	426,869	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	WTDC Res. 45 WTDC Res. 69
<b>Benef. Countries</b> (including from other regions)	Regional or multi-regional project benefitting countries from the region						
<b>Expected results and achievements</b>	The project has successfully trained 101 women through various activities, including self-paced courses, online cyber diplomacy sessions, and live training sessions, with 90% of participants expressing high satisfaction. The project delivered 12 hands-on exercises, five inspirational keynotes, and three networking events, all receiving positive feedback. The mentorship program exceeded its goals, mentoring 67 women and achieving an average satisfaction score of 9/10. Overall, the project maintained high engagement, with 95 participants remaining active, and reported increases in confidence, awareness of international cybersecurity issues, and knowledge about cybersecurity policymaking.						

### RI: CIS 3 - Creating an enabling legal and regulatory environment to accelerate digital transformation

Project No	Title	Start Date	End Date	Status	Total funds (CHF)	Coop. Agency	WTDC Res. implemented
<b>7CIS25001</b>	Digital Government Cooperation in the Central Asia and Caucasus Countries	01 Jan. 2025	31 Dec. 2026	Ongoing	180,800		WTDC Res. 89

Project No	Title	Start Date	End Date	Status	Total funds (CHF)	Coop. Agency	WTDC Res. implemented
Benef. Countries	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan						
Expected results and achievements	<p>This project is currently under implementation. The results expected to achieve are to promote cooperation on accelerating the digital transformation of social services in the Central Asia and Caucasus region, the ITU, the Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation and Aerospace Industry (MDDIAI) and the National Information Technologies JSC (NITEC) of Kazakhstan seek to launch a regional cooperation that would serve as a regional hub and a platform for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the sharing of best practices and digital public goods.</p>						

**RI: CIS 4 - Digital skills and information and communication technology accessibility for the public, in particular for persons with disabilities**

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9RER20026	International Research, Development and Testing Centre for new equipment, technologies, and services (IRDTC) - Phase 2	01 Jul. 2020	31 Dec. 2025	Ongoing	422,825	Ministry of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation represented by PJSC	WTDC Res. 15
Benef. Countries	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan						
Expected results and achievements	<p>Advanced Recommendations Development: Formulated recommendations on modern technologies and telecommunication market functioning, addressing network security, service quality, and traffic management.</p> <p>Compatibility Models Creation: Developed models for device compatibility and innovation services, aiding the implementation of IoT, Industrial Internet, and Smart City concepts.</p> <p>Testing Laboratory Recommendations: Provided recommendations for setting up and operating testing labs for IoT and Smart Cities, focusing on sustainable development goals.</p> <p>Publication of Testing Methods: Shared methods and results from the IRDTC's testing activities, contributing to the sector's body of knowledge.</p> <p>Training Material Development and Specialist Training: Enhanced research and operational capabilities through additional training materials and sessions, broadening the expertise in IoT and related technologies.</p> <p>Operational Testing and Equipment Procurement: Strengthened the IRDTC's testing operations through expert recruitment, equipment procurement, and comprehensive research activities.</p>						





**REGION: MULTI-REGIONAL**

**Cross-cutting projects that have contributed to the implementation of all the Regional Initiatives**

Project No	Title	Start Date	End Date	Status	Total funds (CHF)	Coop. Agency	WTDC Res. implemented
2GLO24138	Strengthening communications and partnership engagement in support of WTDC Regional Initiatives	01 Jun. 2024	31 Dec. 2025	Ongoing	182,740		WTDC Res. 17 WTDC Res. 32
<b>Benef. Countries</b> (including from other regions)	Regional or multi-regional project benefitting countries from the region						
<b>Expected results and achievements</b>	The project is aimed at achieving the following objectives: (1) Promote partnerships in support of WTDC RIs by increasing the number of stories developed by BDT on the implementation and impact of these initiatives; (2) Contribute to the increase in the funds mobilized to support the implementation of the Kigali Action Plan; (3) Contribute to support implementation of all WTDC-22 RIs through the engagement of relevant stakeholders in the implementation of projects related with Regional Initiatives. (4) Develop content to support the identification and establishment of new funding instruments set up to reinforce BDT’s work for the 2026-2029 cycle						

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