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Government of Kenya
DAP partners in Kenya
Invited partners and guests

Subject: Invitation to ITU-UK Kenya Digital Access Programme Partners' Open Day on 'Partnering for Effective Connectivity and Broader Digital Inclusion' on 3 May 2022 (9:00-17:00 EAT)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the ITU and KICTANet.

We have the pleasure of inviting you to the ITU-United Kingdom Digital Access Program (UKDAP) Partners' open day on '**Partnering for Effective Connectivity and Broader Digital Inclusion**'. The event, which aims to further foster partnerships among UKDAP partners and beyond, will take place in person on 3 May 2022 at Strathmore University from 9:00 to 17:00 East Africa Time (EAT), and is being organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Kenya ICT Action Network (KICTANet), on behalf of the UKDAP team at the British High Commission (BHC) in Nairobi.

With the common goal of supporting the connectivity of those who are still unconnected and contributing to meaningful connectivity of those who have yet to benefit from the digital economy, the United Kingdom's Digital Access Programme is collaborating with ITU and regional and local partners in Kenya to catalyse affordable inclusive safe secure digital access for excluded populations by supporting systemic enhancements and testing sustainable models. With school connectivity as an enabler of community connectivity, the work has benefited from and contributed to the ongoing Giga initiative in Kenya, a global effort of ITU and UNICEF to connect all schools in the world to the internet, and every young person to information, opportunity, and choice.

To date, the collaboration has made strides in addressing the digital gap by focusing on school connectivity (and, by extension, the host communities for those schools), providing technical guidance to the national regulator on telecommunication/ICT policy and regulation, and elaborating sustainable connectivity business models with a focus on school connectivity as an enabler of community connectivity.

Mainstreamed into the above domains is the sensitization and capacity building involving responsible digital access through practicing cyber hygiene and cybersecurity behavioural change especially considering the vulnerability of the targeted excluded populations.

During the roundtable, DAP partners including ITU and key stakeholders, will share findings of work to date, showcase projects that are being implemented this year, set key milestones for the future and examine how to scale the impact of the work through a collaborative effort.

Attached is the concept note and draft agenda for the event.

Around 100 stakeholders and high-level representatives are expected to attend, including Kenyan government officials in charge of digital transformation and ICTs, DAP partners in Kenya, international and regional organizations, development partners, private sector stakeholders in Kenya's digital

ecosystem, the technical community, professional associations, civil society, and representatives from academia.

The organizing committee is available to receive your confirmation of attendance **by 22 April 2022**, and to provide any further information on the event that you may require.

Please contact the organizing committee: Charles Juma, UK-Kenya DAP Lead (charles.juma@fcdo.gov.uk), Kagwiria Regina Nkonge, ITU-FCDO National Project Officer (regina.nkonge@itu.int), Christine Sund, ITU Regional Office Senior Advisor (christine.sund@itu.int), and Mwendwa Kivuva, KICTANet (kivuva@kictanet.or.ke) for any further information that may be needed. The [event website](#) has additional information on the event, including details on how to register.

We look forward to welcoming you to the event.

Yours faithfully,

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