



ITU Regional Development Forum for Africa (RDF-AFR)

**‘Digital transformation for a sustainable and equitable digital future:
Accelerating the implementation of the SDGs in Africa’**

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Please note that submitted information will be presented during the RDF-AFR P2C Roundtables and it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition.

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TITLE: Coalition for Digital Africa

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

The Coalition for Digital Africa is an initiative that aims to bring together stakeholders to expand the Internet in Africa.

The Coalition promotes innovation and encourages entrepreneurial efforts aimed at strengthening Internet infrastructure to support the development of Africa’s digital economy.

The Coalition for Digital Africa seeks to expand the reach of information and knowledge while avoiding duplication of efforts. Working together, we tackle vital issues such as Internet accessibility, affordability, infrastructure, local content creation, and capacity development.

Coalition’s three main areas of focus:

- DNS Infrastructure: Securing the stability of the DNS, thereby strengthening the Internet infrastructure in Africa and enhancing its security and resiliency.
- Meaningful Connectivity: Fostering multilingualism and encouraging local content development in Africa.
- Capacity Development: Equipping Africa’s workforce with the skills and knowledge necessary to participate in the multistakeholder model of Internet governance.





COUNTRIES in FOCUS:

Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Botswana, Burundi, Comoros, Egypt, Eswatini, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, South Africa, Togo, Zambia, Zimbabwe

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION:

☒ 2023

☒ 2024

☐ 2025

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE:

☒ AFR1: Supporting digital transformation to usher in a rapid transition to a digital economy while accelerating innovation in Africa

☒ AFR2: Implementation and expansion of broadband infrastructures, connectivity and emerging technologies

☒ AFR3: Building trust, safety and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs and protection of personal data

☐ AFR4: Fostering emerging technologies and innovation ecosystems

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22, [here](#).

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





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RELATED WSIS ACTION LINE:

- ☒ C1: The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development
- ☒ C2: Information and communication infrastructure
- ☐ C3: Access to information and knowledge
- ☒ C4: Capacity building
- ☒ C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
- ☒ C6: Enabling environment
- ☐ C7: ICT applications
- ☒ C8: Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
- ☐ C9: Media
- ☐ C10: Ethical dimensions the Information Society
- ☐ C11: International and regional cooperation

RELATED SDG:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 1: No Poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 2: Zero Hunger | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 3: Good Health and Well- being | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 4: Quality Education | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 5: Gender Equality | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 13: Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 14: Life Below Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 15: Life on Land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs |

