







# 'Laying the Foundation for VaMoz Digital!' project

National Digital Innovation Profile Technical Workshop: An ecosystem approach to mapping strategies and recommendations for accelerating digital transformation in Mozambique

31 March - 1 April 2025

Maputo, Mozambique

**CONCEPT NOTE** 

**Website:** www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa/Pages/EVENTS/2025/mozambique-DIP-workshop.aspx

### Background

The Digital Innovation Profile (DIP) for Mozambique under the 'Laying the foundation for "VaMoz Digital!' project aims to provide an assessment of Mozambique's ecosystem capacity and maturity to help the stakeholders navigate through the innovation landscape with a view to build a competitive, sustainable, ICT-enabled economy. This assessment involves a series of engagements with carefully selected stakeholders to analyse the current situation, understand the vision for the future, and co-create appropriate solutions to bridge the digital innovation gap.

After comprehensive secondary research, and interviews with stakeholders from the ecosystem, this two-day technical workshop in Maputo is organized on 31 March and 1 April 2025 to co-create the next steps.

### **Objectives**

This technical workshop will engage with key stakeholders to:

- Review the current state of Mozambique's digital innovation ecosystem.
- Identify gaps and opportunities in the ecosystem to unlock.
- Evaluate the role of different stakeholder groups in supporting the entrepreneurial ecosystem.
- Co-create recommendations that can accelerate innovation.

#### **Expected outcomes**

The technical workshop aims to achieve the following key outcomes:

- Ecosystem insights to inform the DIP: A comprehensive assessment of Mozambique's digital innovation landscape, contributing to the development of the country's DIP that reflects real ecosystem needs and priorities.
- **Co-created, actionable recommendations:** Stakeholder-driven solutions and strategies to address digital gaps and drive innovation-led sustainable and inclusive economic growth.
- Strategic roadmap for ecosystem growth: Prioritized actions to enhance policies, strengthen capacity, and improve support for stakeholders in the innovation ecosystem.

**Capacity building for stakeholders:** Training on ITU-developed tools and methodologies, equipping stakeholders to assess and build a sustainable and inclusive digital innovation ecosystem.

## **Participation**

Workshop participants include stakeholders from the national innovation ecosystem including from finance, academia, private sector, public sector, youth, incubators, entrepreneurial support networks and civil society.

#### Contact

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#### About the project

<u>'Laying the foundation for VaMoz Digital!'</u> is a joint ITU-EU Delegation in Mozambique project in support of the Government of Mozambique [9MOZ23005]. The project aims to contribute to the implementation of specific actions to harness human centric digital transformation for sustainable development and inclusive growth in Mozambique.

The work delivered by ITU in the context of the broader VaMoz Digital! project concerns facilitating an enabling environment for inclusive digital transformation (Objective 1). Other partners are working on facilitating enhanced inclusive opportunities for youth employment, innovation and digital entrepreneurship (Objective 2).