



Policy and Regulation Initiative for Digital Africa

PRIDA

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PRIDA Follows and builds on the project “Harmonization of the ICT Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa” or HIPSSA

- ❑ **Overall objective:** *foster universally accessible and affordable broadband across the continent to unlock future benefits of internet based services.*

- ❑ **Specific objective:** *Create a more harmonised and enabling legal and regulatory framework for the use of ICT for social and economic development, with an emphasis on boosting the spectrum market across Africa. It is based on three pillars:*
 - ✓ *Efficient and harmonised spectrum utilisation*
 - ✓ *Harmonisation of measurable ICT/Telecommunications policy, legal and regulatory frameworks*
 - ✓ *African decision makers' active participation in the global internet governance debate.*

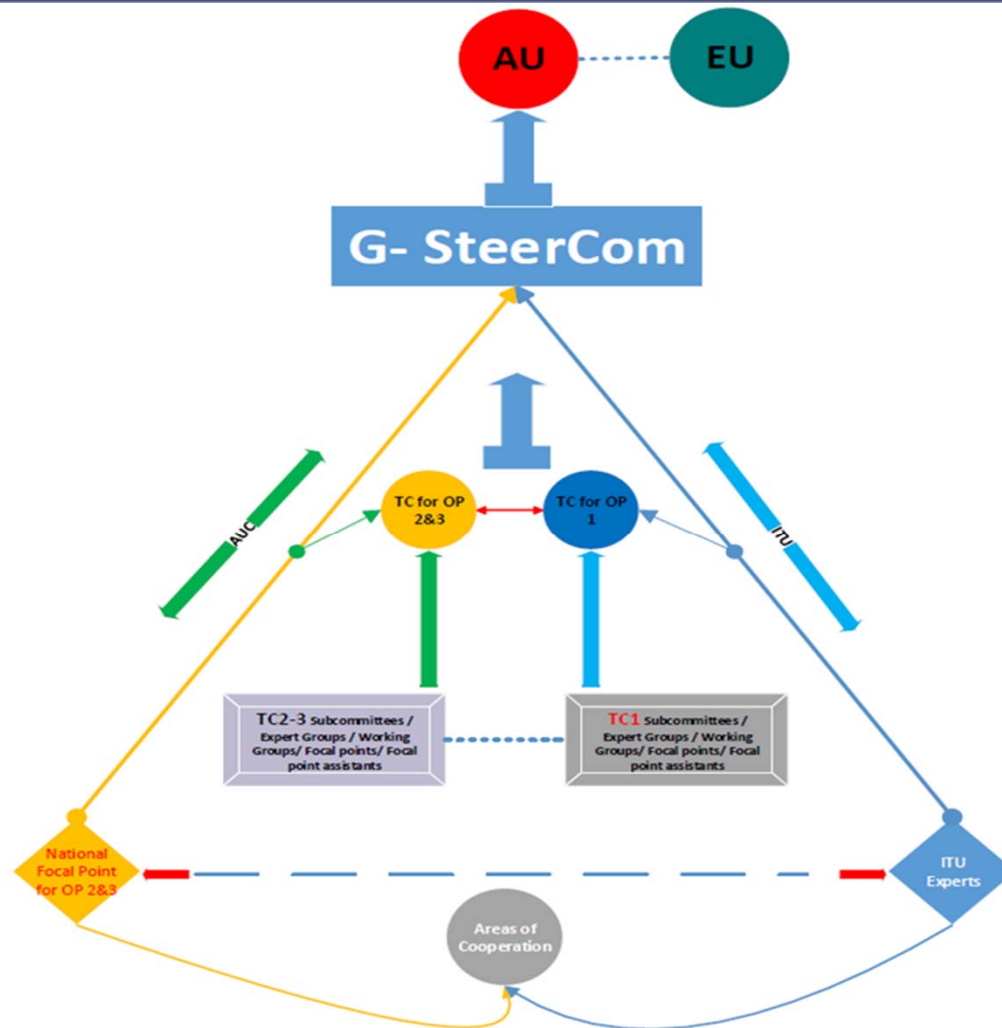
Overview of PRIDA

PRIDA is composed of three interrelated projects:

- ❑ **Output 1:** Efficient And Harmonized Spectrum Utilization Across The Continent,
- ❑ **Output 2:** Harmonization of Measurable ICT/Telecommunications Policy, Legal And Regulatory Frameworks,
- ❑ **Output 3:** African Stakeholders' Active Participation In The Global Internet Governance Debate.

Output	Entity in charge	Budget
1. Spectrum management	ITU	5 Mo€ EU 0.5 Mo€ ITU
2. Harmonization of policy and regulatory frameworks	AUC + TA	2.5 Mo€ EU (TA) + ~ 1 Mo€/year to AUC/DIE/ISD budget (2018-2021)
3. Internet Governance	AUC + TA	

Governance Structure of The Project



PRIDA Output 1 : Radio Spectrum

The output (project) aims at addressing the issue of spectrum at national, regional and pan-African levels

- Spectrum allocation based on international best practices is improved
- Terms and conditions for spectrum licensing are improved
- Coherence between time of assignment with technologies and market readiness is improved
- Spectrum pricing predictability and alignment on international best practices is enhanced
- Cooperation related to the treatment of harmful interference is strengthened
- Awareness of the concept and economic models of Internet of things (IoT) is increased
- The capacities of national frequency agencies are strengthened

PRIDA Output 2 : ICT Policy and Regulation

- African policy, legal and regulatory frameworks in support of ICT development is enhanced and measured;
- Continental policy and legislative harmonization through the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation methodology and a forward-looking agenda to remedy the identified weaknesses is developed and implemented;
- Continental regulatory harmonization through cooperation between national regulatory telecommunications / ICT authorities is strengthened;
- Awareness of relevant actors, in particular public authorities and civil society, regarding cross cutting use of ICTs is raised

PRIDA Output 3 : Internet Governance

- Active participation of African stakeholders in global Internet governance fora is strengthened and coordinated;
- The establishment of National Internet Governance Forum NIGF is promoted and enabled for African Member States who do not have national IGFs;
- Regional and continental (African) IGFs are strengthened;
- Capacity of member states in negotiating regional and international Internet Governance related policy and legal disputes is enhanced.

- ❑ African leaders positioned Digital Transformation among the top priorities of African Union Agenda 2063. As it connects all sectors, they believe in its transformative power to effectively address the development challenges of the continent notably in key sectors such education, health, agriculture.
- ❑ African Union Commission with partners have engaged in developing a comprehensive Digital Transformation Strategy to serve as a blue-print to transform all sectors and pave the way for the development of sustainable and inclusive digital economy in Africa.
- ❑ PRIDA program is of high importance for Africa and its Implementation will facilitate and boost the digitalization through enabling the policy , legal and regulatory environment and enhancing access through effective use of radio spectrum resources .

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