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TITLE: CONNECTIVITY ROADMAPS FOR THOSE NOT CONNECTED

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION: [Provide a brief description up to 500 words]

At the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), our unwavering commitment to progress and inclusivity led us to conceive the transformative "Connect the Unconnected" project, implementing the 21 guidelines of Resolution 2966 by the Organization of American States (OAS). This comprehensive resolution outlines the essential components needed to not only establish connectivity in remote regions but also ensure the delivery of high-quality services - a cornerstone of regional development.

The power of these 21 recommendations lies in their potential to revolutionize access to vital services, catalyzing social and economic growth while fostering equality of opportunity. Enacting these recommendations is not just about providing internet access; it's about providing a pathway to enhanced living conditions, education, healthcare, information accessibility, and job prospects. Internet connectivity emerges as an indispensable tool, driving innovation and creating a level playing field for marginalized communities.

Indeed, Internet access stands as a linchpin in the pursuit of progress, with the potential to narrow the digital divide and foster digital inclusion. This challenge beckons us to innovate, leveraging Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to reach and uplift disconnected populations.



This process coupled with vigilant monitoring of the implementation of the roadmap, embodies a commitment to holistic change, involving a community education process that empowers individuals to harness the tools we provide. The commitment is assured that the connectivity regulations applicable to rural areas must be fluid and responsive, adjusting to demands swiftly. This entails adapting quality standards, speed, and uninterrupted service to rural contexts. Moreover, targeted incentives must incentivize progress, ensuring sustainable investment and affordable accessibility for all.

This initiative is more than just a project; it's a paradigm shift that hinges on societal awareness and government support. Governments play a pivotal role in propelling this movement forward. They must not only allocate resources but also foster an environment conducive to growth. Universal Service Funds, as outlined in our initiative, hold the potential to be a lifeline for connectivity projects, particularly in underserved regions.

However, the responsibility extends beyond mere funding. Governments must pave the regulatory and fiscal pathways for progress, inviting stakeholders to join this mission. This also entails creating avenues for ICT operators and community-driven initiatives to thrive through specialized licensing and access to essential infrastructure. A robust partnership between governments and educational institutions will promote best practices in infrastructure deployment, thus ensuring consistency and compliance with local regulations.

As we appeal to your philanthropic spirit, OAS/CITEL invites you to join hands with us in championing this cause. Your support will not only bring connectivity but will empower communities, elevate opportunities, and sculpt a future marked by equity and growth. Let us seize this moment to reshape destinies and create a more connected world, where technology is a bridge to brighter horizons.

COUNTRIES in FOCUS: [Name countries to be impacted by this action]

2023: Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Paraguay, Panamá and Colombia.

The other Americas countries depends on the reources.

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☒ 2023

☒ 2024

☒ 2025

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]



- ☒ AMS1: Infrastructure deployment (DEPLOYMENT OF MODERN, RESILIENT, SECURE AND SUSTAINABLE TELECOMMUNICATION/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE)
- ☒ AMS2: Digital Inclusion and skills development (ENHANCEMENT AND EXPANSION OF DIGITAL-LITERACY, DIGITAL-SKILLS AND DIGITAL-INCLUSION PROGRAMMES, ESPECIALLY AMONG VULNERABLE POPULATIONS)
- ☒ AMS3: Digital transformation and innovation ecosystems (EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS THROUGH SCALABLE, FUNDED AND SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIVITY PROJECTS)
- ☒ AMS4: Enabling Policy and Regulatory environments (DEVELOPMENT OF ENABLING POLICY AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENTS TO CONNECT THE UNCONNECTED THROUGH ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES)

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22, <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/RI-projects-2023-2025.aspx>

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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