



ANNEX 2

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CONTRIBUTION FORM

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

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TITLE:

Huawei pledges to support 90 young visionaries in their digital inclusion projects

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

The Generation Connect Young Leadership Programme in partnership with Huawei seeks to engage, empower and inspire young people with vision, motivation and commitment towards supporting global digital transformation efforts with concrete, implementable actions and projects aimed at empowering people's educational and socio-economic development, in particular for those in vulnerable situations (such as those from rural and remote, Indigenous, youth with disabilities, or from low income backgrounds). To support the young fellows' journey in achieving their aspirations as digital leaders and changemakers ITU and Huawei will provide young participants with mentoring and guidance support to strengthen their knowledge and skills, as well as provide them with the necessary funding to enable them with the practical implementation of planned projects with the main objective to generate impact at community level. This pledge aims to support 30 STEM students or recent graduates aged 18 to 28 annually for three years. For these 30 STEM students, we aim to compose cohorts consisting of 50% of the winners are female (or at least non-male) and 50% of the winners originate from developing countries (at least 20% from LDCs) although they may now be studying (or permanently residing) in another country.

The ITU-Huawei project would have a 2-fold impact:

- 1. Offering funding and leading concrete developmental activities, directly benefiting in total 90 young persons to become leaders of their own initiative and project which they can bring to reality.*
- 2. Bridging digital divide of a number of people in vulnerable situations through youth-led initiatives/projects, thus fostering the all-inclusive participation of youth from diverse backgrounds in creating a more inclusive digital society.*

COUNTRIES IN FOCUS: *Name countries to be impacted by this action*

Global (including CIS)

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

☒ 2024

☒ 2025

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

- ☐ CIS1: Developing infrastructure to promote innovation and partnerships in the introduction of new technologies – the Internet of Things, including the industrial Internet, smart cities and communities, 5G/IMT-2020 and next-generation NET-2030 communication networks, quantum technologies, artificial intelligence, digital health, digital skills and environmental protection
- ☐ CIS2: Cybersecurity and personal data protection
- ☐ CIS3: Creating an enabling legal and regulatory environment to accelerate digital transformation
- ☒ CIS4: Digital skills and information and communication technology accessibility for the public, in particular for persons with disabilities
- ☐ CIS5: Development of smart cities and communities

Use the link below you discover more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Pages/regional-initiatives-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

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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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