



ANNEX 2

ITU Regional Development Forum (RDF) for the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Region (RDF-CIS)

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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: **Digital upskilling**

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

In 2023, the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport (MDDT) of Azerbaijan started an assessment of digital skills at a national level (among nearly 35,000 subjects) to identify current level of the digital literacy in Azerbaijan and persisting digital skills gaps under the supervision of ITU.

The aim is to inform a data-driven and targeted interventions for enhancing digital literacy across 4 segments, namely public sector, private sector, educational institutions, and households, in accordance with the needs of the Government.

Overall, the project does not only serves for the needs of the Government, but also entails the UN SDGs, namely:

- SDG4: Quality education – enabling individuals to participated in modern society and digital economic considering that digital skills are essential components of quality **education**
- SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth through earning necessary digital skills required by the labor market (sectors driven by technology and innovation both in **public and private sectors**)
- SDG 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure: Good digital skills can support the growth of innovative industries
- SDG 10: Reduced inequalities: Access to digital skills and literacy can bridge the digital divide in rural and urban areas for **households** and communities, reduce inequalities by providing opportunities for education and employment

COUNTRIES IN FOCUS:

The Republic of Azerbaijan

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

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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