



2026 ITU Regional Development Forum for Africa (RDF-AFR)

*Universal, meaningful, and affordable connectivity for
an inclusive and sustainable digital future*

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CONTRIBUTION FORM

This form is intended to collect inputs from stakeholders contributing to the implementation of the Baku Action Plan and the ITU Regional Initiatives for Africa (2026–2029).

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TITLE: [Connect a School and ICT Curriculum Review Initiative]

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

Malawi is implementing Connect a School and ICT Curriculum Review Initiative throughout the country to close the digital divide in the rural areas and to ensure that the youth, who are the majority population, are exposed to digital skills and digital literacy from the primary and secondary education. The initiative aligns to the Baku Action Plan of leaving no one behind in the digital transformation as well as fast tracking investment in science, technology, innovation and digital transformation.

The Connect a school aims at providing ICT labs and equipment (computers and digital learning facilities) to 6,800 schools (primary and secondary) and reviewing the ICT curriculum to revamp the current syllabus to expose the children and students to global digital transformation.

To date, 75 ICT labs have been constructed while 120 schools have been earmarked in 2026. The ICT curriculum review was completed and is awaiting implementation

COUNTRIES in FOCUS: Malawi

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION: [Tick the relevant boxes]

☒ 2026

☐ 2027

☐ 2028

☐ 2029

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE: [Tick the relevant boxes]

☒ AFR1: Resilient digital infrastructure and universal, meaningful and affordable connectivity for sustainable development

- ☐ AFR2: Developing an inclusive, trustworthy artificial intelligence ecosystem in Africa for socio-economic development
- ☐ AFR3: Building trust, safety and security in the use of telecommunications/ information and communication technologies
- ☐ AFR4: Development of digital applications, micro, small and medium enterprises and digital innovation ecosystems
- ☐ AFR5: Sustainable funding mechanisms for Africa's digital transformation

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2026-2029, as defined by WTDC-25, [here](#).

RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2025 [Tick the relevant boxes]

- ☒ 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-25, [here](#).

RELATED PARTNER2CONNECT FOCUS AREAS [Tick the relevant boxes]

- ☒ Focus Area 1 – ACCESS: Connecting people everywhere
- ☒ Focus Area 2 – ADOPTION: Empowering communities
- ☒ Focus Area 3 – VALUE CREATION: Building digital ecosystems
- ☐ Focus Area 4 – ACCELERATE: Incentivizing investments

Please find more information on the Partner2Connect Focus Areas Action Framework [here](#).

RELATED WSIS ACTION LINE: [Tick the relevant boxes]

- ☒ C1: The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development
- ☒ C2: Information and communication infrastructure
- ☒ C3: Access to information and knowledge
- ☒ C4: Capacity building
- ☐ C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
- ☐ C6: Enabling environment
- ☒ C7: ICT applications
- ☐ C8: Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
- ☐ C9: Media
- ☐ C10: Ethical dimensions the Information Society

☐ C11: International and regional cooperation

RELATED GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT: [Tick the relevant boxes]

- ☒ 1: Close all digital divides and accelerate progress across the Sustainable Development Goals
- ☒ 2: Expand inclusion in and benefits from the digital economy for all
- ☐ 3: Foster an inclusive, open, safe and secure digital space that respects, protects and promote human rights
- ☐ 4: Advance responsible, equitable and interoperable data governance approaches
- ☐ 5: Enhance international governance of artificial intelligence for the benefit of humanity

RELATED SDG: [Tick the relevant boxes]

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| ☐ SDG 1: No Poverty | ☒ SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities |
| ☐ SDG 2: Zero Hunger | ☒ SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities |
| ☐ SDG 3: Good Health and Well- being | ☐ SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities |
| ☒ SDG 4: Quality Education | ☐ SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production |
| ☐ SDG 5: Gender Equality | ☐ SDG 13: Climate Action |
| ☐ SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation | ☐ SDG 14: Life Below Water |
| ☐ SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy | ☐ SDG 15: Life on Land |
| ☐ SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth | ☐ SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions |
| ☒ SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure | ☐ SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs |