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VICTORIA FALLS 2026

25-26 May

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe



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P2C Action Framework - Focus Areas



ACCESS
Connecting people
everywhere



ADOPTION
Empowering
communities



VALUE CREATION
Building Digital
Ecosystems



ACCELERATE
Incentivizing
investments

Pillars {

- Infrastructure
- Affordability
- Cybersecurity

- Skills
- Inclusion
- Local Content/
Services

- Innovation/
Entrepreneurship
- Apps & Services
- Digital Economy

- Innovative Financing
- Project Viability
- Investor Constellation

Explore the Action Framework at: www.itu.int/itu-d/reports/partner2connect-action-framework/home/index/

| P2C Update – May 2026

Pledge Mobilization



Pledges submitted:
1,074

Entities:
499

Countries of pledge-makers:
149

Estimated financial value:
USD 82.87 bn

Reporting and Implementation



45% of pledges reporting progress

50% of entities reporting progress

Matchmaking and Sharing Experiences



Regional Development Forums 2025 and 2026

Revamped P2C Pledge Portal,
Downloadable pledge list, Final
rollout of **matchmaking
features**

Launch of **P2C Flash**:
A dynamic online magazine of
real pledge impact stories

P2C Annual Meeting – 30 Jan
2025 and 15 December 2025

Digital@UNGA Anchor Event –
23 Sept 2025

Strengthen Community



P2C Champions:
Amazon, e&, Google, IDB,
Microsoft, ZTE

Continued expansion of the
P2C Champions Community

P2C Founding Pledgors
Campaign

30 UN agencies now
supporting the coalition
(up from 26 in November
2024)

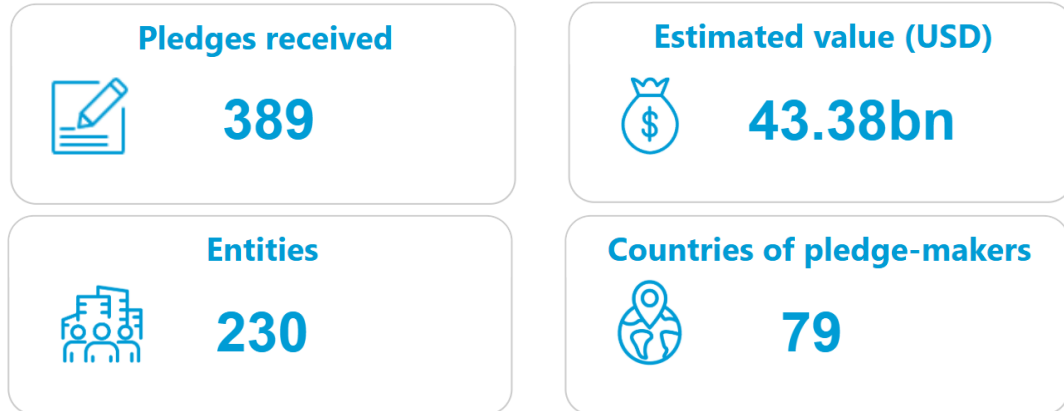
Events Highlights

Regional Development Forums in 2025

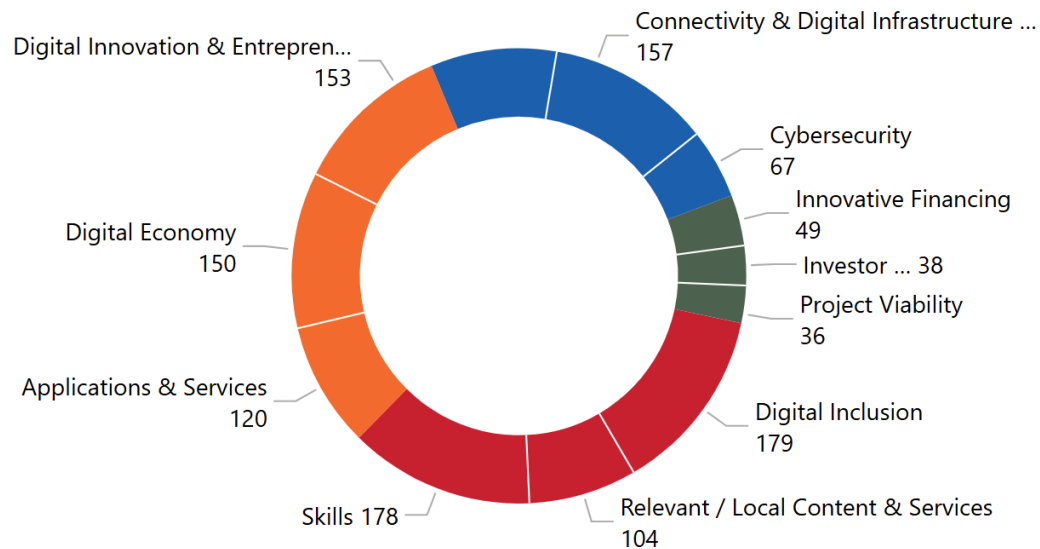
	Meeting Region	RDFs dates (2025)	Location
	Arab States	3 February	Amman, Jordan
	Europe	24 February	Budapest, Hungary
	Asia and the Pacific	19 March	Bangkok, Thailand
	Americas	31 March	Asunción, Paraguay
	Africa	7 April	Nairobi, Kenya
	Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	23 April	Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

| Status of P2C pledges – Africa

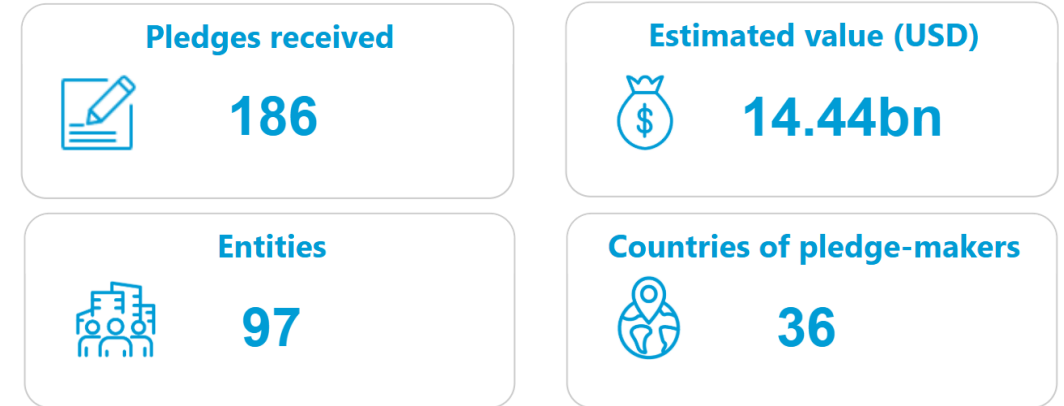
Total pledges to Africa as region of pledge implementation



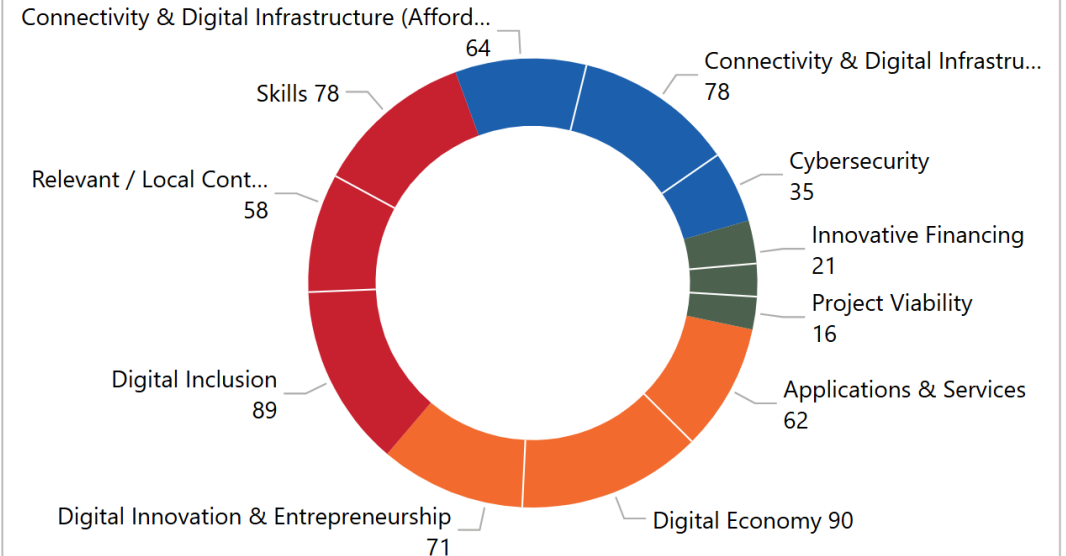
Pledges by Focus Areas and Pillars



Africa as origin of pledge maker to Africa as region of pledge implementation



Pledges by Focus Areas and Pillars



| Matchmaking process

Matchmaking and Sharing Experiences



Regional Development Forums
(RDF) 2025 and 2026

- Translating pledges into concrete commitments to ensure impactful intervention on the ground
 - RDFs features matchmaking roundtables as integral part of the programmes to instigate dialogue between pledgers (supply) and beneficiaries (demand)
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- **11 contributions** have been received by stakeholders from Africa and abroad, to support the implementation of the WTDC-25 outcomes (Baku Action Plan) at the regional level, in particular the ITU Regional Initiatives for Africa
 - These contributions will be discussed during this RDF, potentially becoming P2C pledges and after the matchmaking process translated into commitments to support the Baku Action Plan at the regional level

Regional Development Forums in 2026

	Meeting Region	RDFs dates (2026)	Location
	Europe	<u>24 March 2026</u>	Prague, Czech Republic
	Africa	<u>25-26 May 2026</u>	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
	Americas	<u>16-17 June 2026</u>	Cartagena, Colombia
	Arab States	1-2 July (TBC)	TBD
	Asia and the Pacific	16-17 July 2026	Bangkok, Thailand
	Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	29-30 September 2026	Dushanbe, Tajikistan



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Upcoming Community Events

 P2C @ WTPF-26	 P2C @ WSIS 2026	 P2C @ AI4Good	 Digital@UNGA
Date: TBC, 9 -11 June 2026 Format: In-Person, P2C Investment Solutions LAB Time: TBC, 90 Minutes Theme: Unlocking Investment Priorities in Digital Infrastructure Venue: TBC, Nassau, Bahamas	Date: TBC, 6-10 July 2026 Format: In-Person Session Time: TBC Venue: TBC, Palexpo, Geneva, Switzerland	Date: 9 July 2026 Format: In-Person Workshop Time: 14:00 - 15:15 CEST Theme: From AI Promise to AI Readiness: Building the Infrastructure for AI for All Venue: Leaders Lounge, Palexpo, Geneva, Switzerland	Date-time: September 2026 Venue: New York City Format: Hybrid To showcase and celebrate the power of digital during the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly.
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