

Annex I
About the Innovation &
Entrepreneurship Alliance for
Digital Development



Vision

Support ITU-D Membership with new, more resilient, and forward-thinking approaches to guarantee they can safely navigate a digital world that is increasingly Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous (VUCA) and achieve outcomes of the Kigali Action Plan.



Mission

- Bridge the Digital Innovation Divide and empower ITU-D membership to overcome challenges on their path through digital transformation
- Accelerate their ecosystems' impact on cross-cutting sectors for an inclusive and sustainable society.



Opportunities

- Build local capabilities in innovation and entrepreneurship
- Develop new organizational and human excellence capabilities
- Deliver new products and services for ITU Membership.

- 1 Trends research readiness**

Enables countries to be ahead of the curve and make sense of the evolution of technology, policy and innovation dynamics.
- 2 Open technology innovation**

Harnesses technological know-how into global goods through open innovation and multistakeholder mechanisms, accelerating access to emerging technology for all.
- 3 Entrepreneurship and SMEs growth**

Accelerates the uptake of digital innovation-driven entrepreneurship and opportunities for talent to achieve socio economic inclusion in their communities.
- 4 Policy experimentation**

Develops agile policies that provide stakeholders with safe space for experimentation, encouraging innovation and attracting investment in the digital ecosystem.
- 5 Ecosystem initiatives acceleration**

Promotes collaboration and synergies that scale digital innovations and achieve cross-cutting sectoral value for a competitive digital economy.



Digital Transformation Lab

- The Lab will support the design and implementation of the network of centers and provide technical assistance, upon request, to enable countries currently lacking key capabilities in sandboxing and developing initiatives to accelerate digital development.
- BDT will benefit from improving its products and services to enable the Bureau to be the premier agency supporting developing countries in digital transformation.



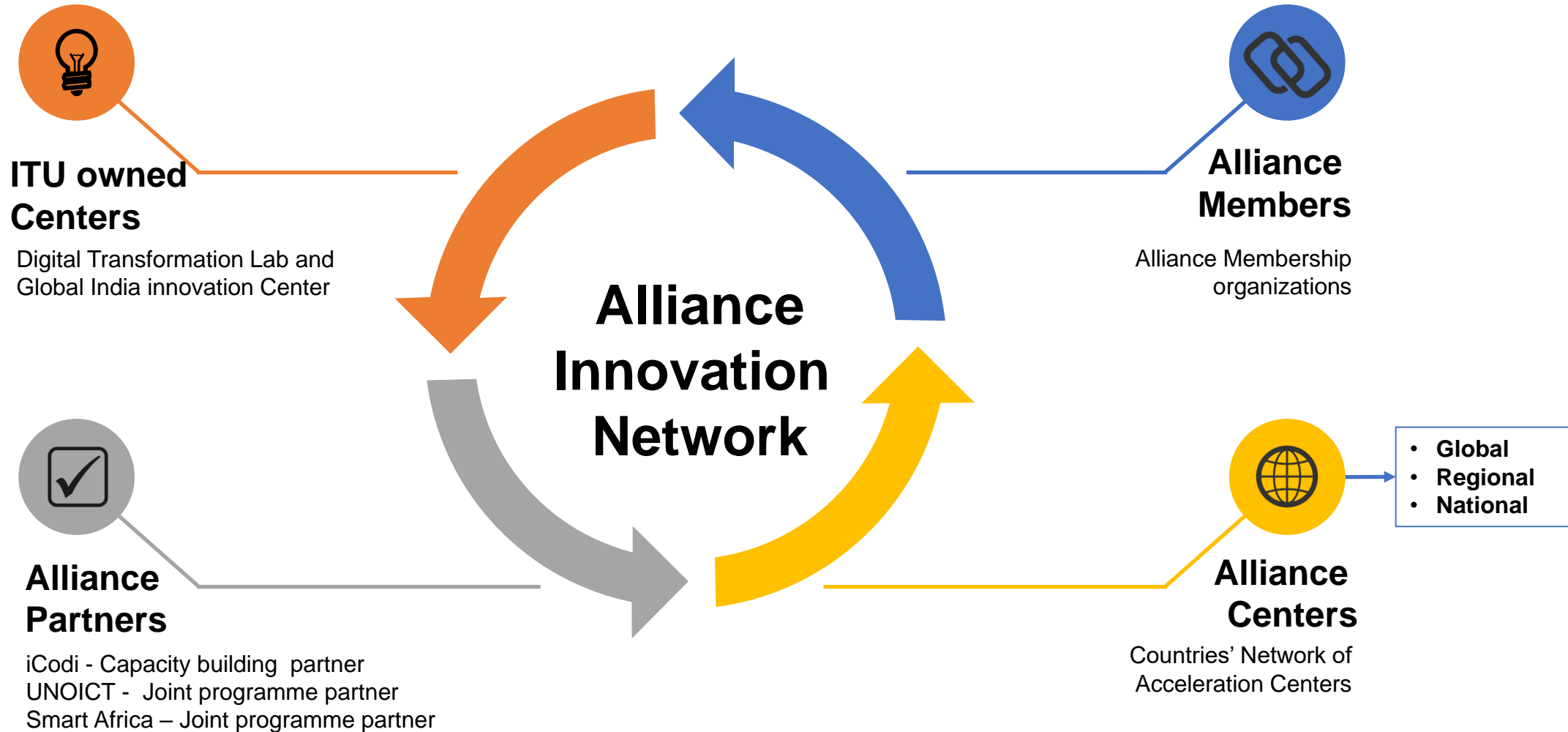
Network of Acceleration Centers

- The Network will enhance global, regional, and national innovation capabilities for technology, policy and flagship initiative development.
- The various centers will accelerate digital transformation through a unique ecosystem-thinking approach.
- The centers will also amplify local capabilities to accelerate local innovation, entrepreneurship, and the digitalization of economies to improve the competitiveness of economic sectors.



Digital Innovation Board

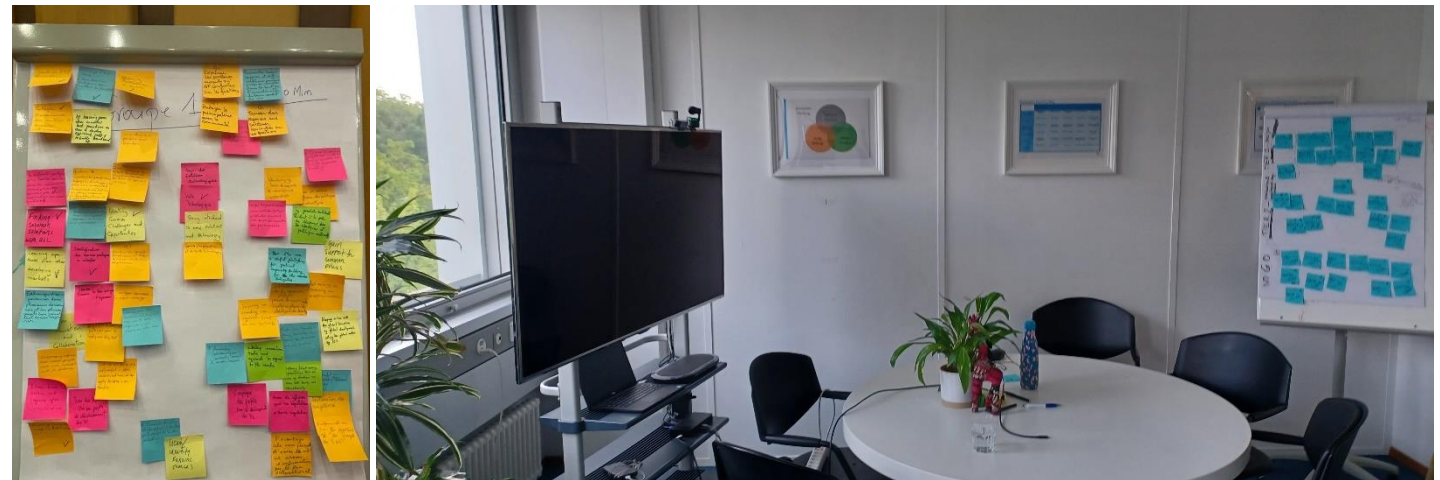
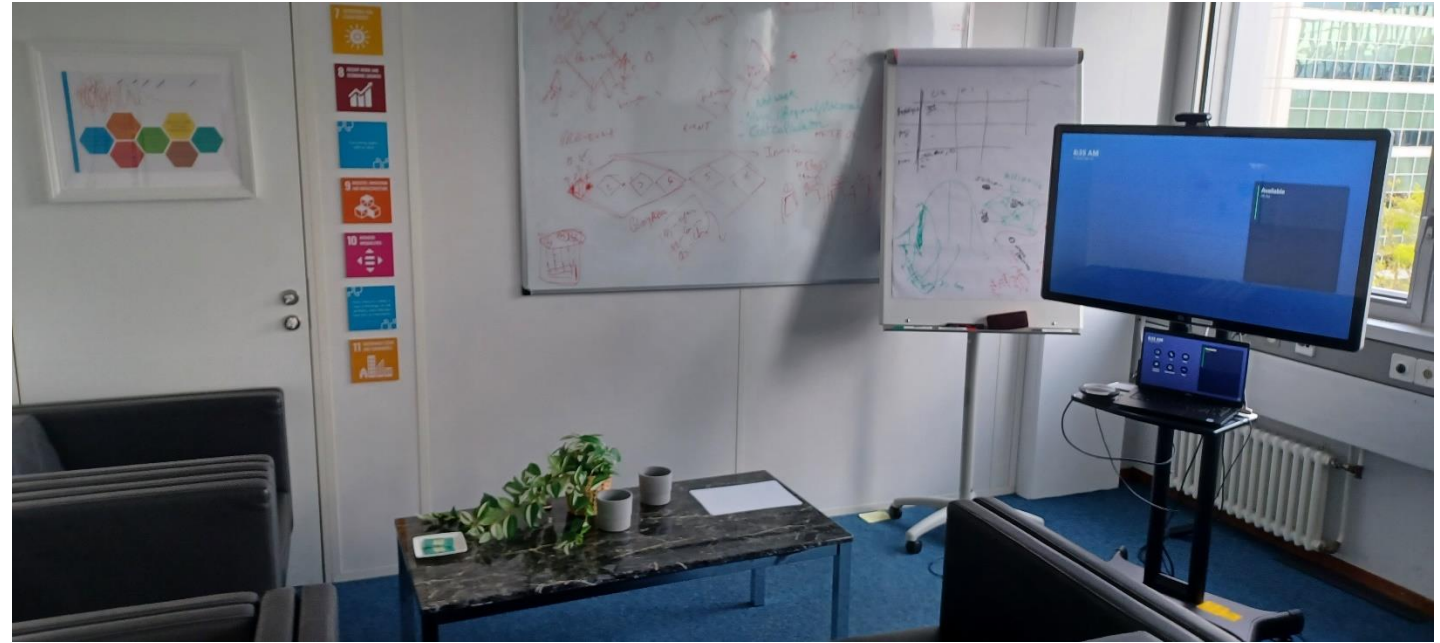
- This Board will guide the work of the Alliance and ensure its effectiveness, accountability, and sound decision-making.
- The Board will facilitate high-level coordination and engage in global advocacy at the UN level and with regional and international organizations.
- Leveraging its reach, it will help mobilize resources and partnerships, share lessons learned and create a global learning community.



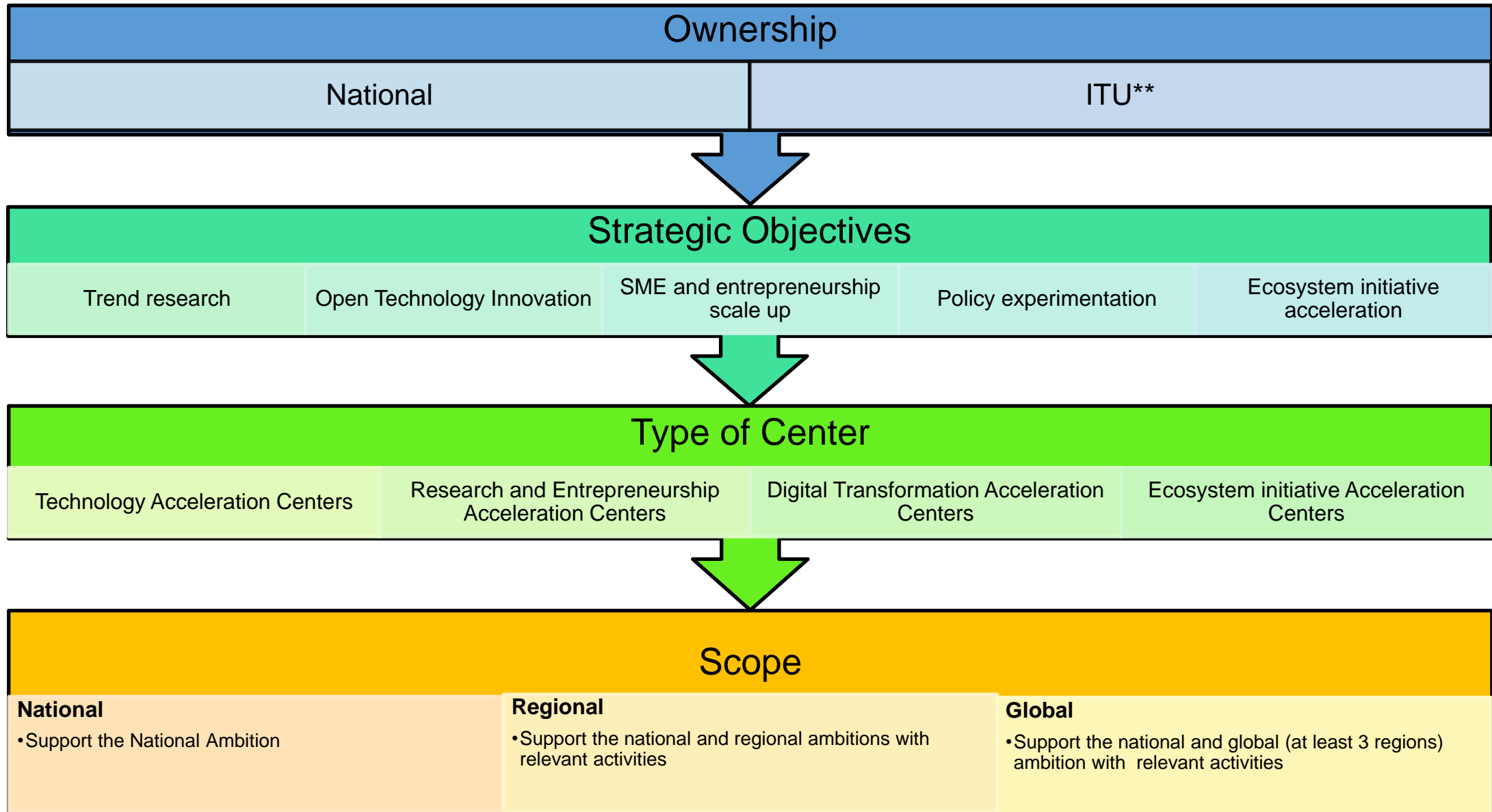
The Digital Transformation Lab (in progress of operationalization)



- The Lab is a multi-purpose room to support the design and implementation of the network of centers.
- It is also a space to provide technical assistance, upon request, to membership currently lacking key capabilities aligned to the five strategic objectives of the Alliance.
- BDT and other sectors staff can benefit from its services, upon request, to create or improve products and services to enable the Bureau to be the premier agency supporting developing countries in digital transformation.
- The lab is located at T306 in Geneva.
- Many of its services will be replicated in the India Innovation Center when it is staffed and resourced.



Ownership and typology of centers



**The India Innovation Center is the only center that is ITU owned at this stage. Most preferences are for national ownership.