

# Strengthening African Capacity for Cost-Effective Access to the Internet



## **Description:**

The overall aim is to help developing countries acquire affordable Internet access and connectivity by coordinating assistance and assisting in the implementation of national and regional Internet backbones and exchange points.

The project expands technical cooperation among developing countries in which successful experiences and best practices from other developing regions serve as a model for transformation supported by new public and private partnerships and investments.

## **Expected outcomes:**

- Towards the building of a strong infrastructure backbone in Africa
- Improved Internet connectivity in Africa
- Capacity development in the area of Internet connectivity through exchange of expertise and knowledge sharing among countries of the South
- Cost-effective access to Internet

## **Type of project:**

Network infrastructure development and capacity building

## **Partners:**

ITU, UNDP, Government of Japan and host countries.

## **Targeted Communities/Regions:**

Africa (sub-Saharan); Arab States; Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean.

## **References to WSIS Plan of Action:**

- Information and communication infrastructure: an essential foundation for the information society
- Optimize connectivity among information networks by encouraging the creation and development of regional ICT backbones and Internet exchange points, to reduce interconnection costs and broaden network access



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