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# Industry Informal Working Group

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### Why do we need this informal working group?

### Knowledge Sharing and Research support

- Sharing of emerging trends, good practices, and lessons learned to inform policy and regulatory updates
- Support development of knowledge products

#### Fostering Partnerships

• Expanding partnerships and collaboration with UN agencies, development banks and other industry members at the national, regional, and global level;

#### **Communication & Advocacy**

• Communicating and advocating for the importance of sustainable partnership through this informal working group.

#### Projects & Pilot Activities

 Joint projects in identified areas (e.g. pilot initiatives and activities as proof of concept, complimenting to mainstream pilots)



### What is the proposed structure?

Draft Regional Plan 2022-2025

Topics proposed by Industry RP-ASP 1: Addressing special needs of least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific island countries, and landlocked developing countries

RP-ASP 2: Harnessing information and communication technologies to support the digital economy and inclusive digital societies

RP-ASP-3: Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity and connecting the unconnected

RP-ASP-4: Enabling policy and regulatory environments to accelerate digital transformation

RP-ASP-5: Contributing to a secure and resilient ICT environment



The RP-ASPs listed here are still provisional and are awaiting approval Draft expected results under each RP-ASP are <u>available here</u>

### How will the groups function?

Potential Activities:

- Information session on the topic of importance to the industry and region;
- Joint research, publication of case studies, and working papers on emerging trends and policy recommendations;
- Projects and pilot initiatives;
- Advocacy via social media and other communications means.



Consolidate reporting into overarching industry meeting annually ITU-D members and partners decide which subgroups to join

ITU RO ASP as Secretariat:

- Arranging meetings
- Coordinating
  Communications

Each working group nominates Industry Chair and vice chair as lead focal point

Decide on discussion topics of mutual interest

Implement activities/meetings Propose annual workplan with activities



### What are the next steps?

#### **Questions for industry:**

- What topics should be discussed in the working group and subgroups?
  - Connectivity (Rural, Urban, Semiurban)
  - Telecom regulation, including taxation and competition:
  - Digital services and applications (smart city, whole of government, smart village, smart islands, *telemedicine*)
  - Digital Economy (including legal reform/masterplans)
  - Innovation
  - ICT accessibility:
  - Inclusion and capacity development:
  - Education
  - Sustainability and digital transformation (including financing mechanisms)
  - Resilience and distributed networks:
  - Cybersecurity (Data Security/Privacy/Protection)
  - Child Online Protection
- What do members want to see as <u>outputs</u> and <u>results</u> from this working group?
- What is the 'value proposition' for industry to proactively engage?
- Are the subgroups as designed of interest to Industry?
- How would industry like to see this working group structured?



## Thank you

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