

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF CONTRIBUTIONS



2020 Regional Development Forum for Africa (RDF-AFR)

*Digital transformation to accelerate achievement of the SDGs
– Digital development, partnerships and funding*

6-7 October 2020, 12:00 – 15:00 CAT (Virtual meeting)

with preparatory break-out sessions on 5 October 2020 (12:00 – 13:30 CAT time)

CONTRIBUTION BY U.S. Department of State, United States

TITLE: Digital Connectivity and Cybersecurity Partnership

EXPECTED DURATION OF PRESENTATION: 10 minutes

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❖ **Africa Regional Initiatives:** [Select the Regional Initiative(s) relevant for your contribution]

[Yes/No] AFR Regional initiative 1 – Building digital economies and fostering innovation in Africa

[Yes/No] AFR Regional initiative 2 – Promotion of emerging broadband technologies

[Yes/No] AFR Regional initiative 3 – Building trust and security in the use of telecommunications/
information and communication technology

[Yes/No] AFR Regional initiative 4 – Strengthening human and institutional capacity building

[Yes/No] AFR Regional initiative 5 – Management and monitoring of the radio-frequency spectrum
and transition to digital broadcasting

❖ **Related ITU development thematic:** [Select the thematic area(s) relevant for your
contribution]

[Yes/No] Networks and digital infrastructure

[Yes/No] Cybersecurity

[Yes/No] Emergency telecommunications

[Yes/No] Environment

[Yes/No] Digital policy and regulation

[Yes/No] Capacity development

[Yes/No] Digital services and applications

[Yes/No] Digital inclusion

[Yes/No] Digital innovation ecosystems

[Yes/No] Statistics and data for evidence-based decision making

❖ **Year(s) of implementation:** [Select the year(s) for which your action/project/initiative is
relevant]

[Yes/No] 2018	[Yes/No] 2019	[Yes/No] 2020	[Yes/No] 2021	[Yes/No] Others
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- ❖ COVID-19 response related initiative: [Please indicate if your action/project/initiative is relevant for COVID-19 response]

[Yes/No] COVID-19 response related initiative

Background

The Digital Connectivity and Cybersecurity Partnership (DCCP) is a U.S. whole of government approach to support infrastructure development, policy and regulatory reforms, and cybersecurity capacity building in the ICT sector. This partnership aims to enable nations to improve their digital connectivity to realize the full economic potential of the digital economy.

Proposal

Through partnership with a range of U.S. government agencies including USAID, Federal Communication Commission, US Trade and Development Authority, Development Finance Corporation and the Department of Commerce as well as nongovernmental entities like the U.S. Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI), the DCCP provides capacity building, cybersecurity, and technical advisory services to partner countries. Secretary Pompeo recently announced that the U.S. government is expanding the Digital Connectivity and Cybersecurity Partnership globally. As we expand this initiative globally, we look forward to more projects and partnerships in Africa.

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