



BDT Projects for Digital Development

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Partnerships for Digital Development Department (PDD)
Telecommunication Development Bureau

1. About BDT Projects

BDT projects advance sustainable development through ICTs

for the benefit of ITU Membership

ITU CONSTITUTION

(Article 21 – Paragraph 118)

Union's dual responsibility as a United Nations specialized agency and as an executing agency for implementing projects

RESOLUTION 157

(Rev. Bucharest, 2022)

Strengthening of the project execution function in ITU

DECISION 13

(Busan, 2014)

Monitoring mechanism on ITU programmes and projects

BDT has a solid track record

of implementing projects on the ground

330+ projects
since 2007

152
beneficiary countries

CHF 150M +
resources mobilized

Global, regional and national



Projects cover the wide range of ITU-D thematic areas

mobilizing our expertise on the ground



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Network and infrastructure



Digital Inclusion



Policy and regulation



Capacity development

Digital services

Cybersecurity



Innovation

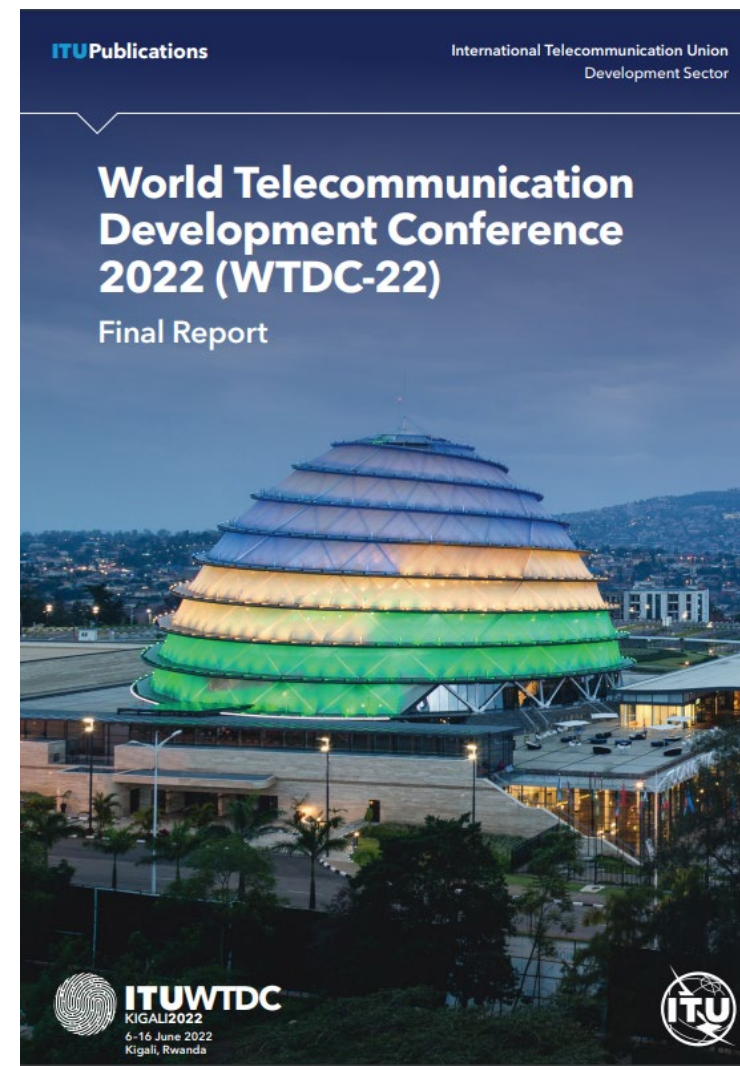
Innovation

Environment and emergency communications

Projects are instrumental

to implement ITU-D priorities

1. Affordable connectivity
2. Digital transformation
3. Enabling policy and regulatory environment
4. Resource mobilization and international cooperation
5. Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development



Characteristics of ITU-D Projects

<i>Budget</i>	<i>They have a separate budget envelope that includes funding for partner(s), and on some cases ITU funds.</i>
<i>Terms</i>	<i>The terms of implementation are defined in a Cooperation Agreement (and other similar documents)</i>
<i>Results framework</i>	<i>They have a results framework defined within a Project Document, which is signed with the partner together with the CA.</i>
<i>Timeline</i>	<i>The implementation timeline is defined by the Project Document</i>
<i>Cost recovery</i>	<i>They are implemented on a cost recovery basis (AOS + interests accumulated by funds)</i>

Financing Mechanisms for ITU-D Projects

Delivering ITU-D's role as an executing agency

Funds in Trust

(from partner or 3rd party/donor) to support own projects or 3rd party projects

ITU-D PROJECTS

ICT-DF

ITU ICT Development Fund

Other ITU funds

approved by Council
(e.g. C-18 allocation in support of WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives)

Max 25% ITU contribution

Approved by
ICT-DF Steer. Committee

Conditions defined by ToRs

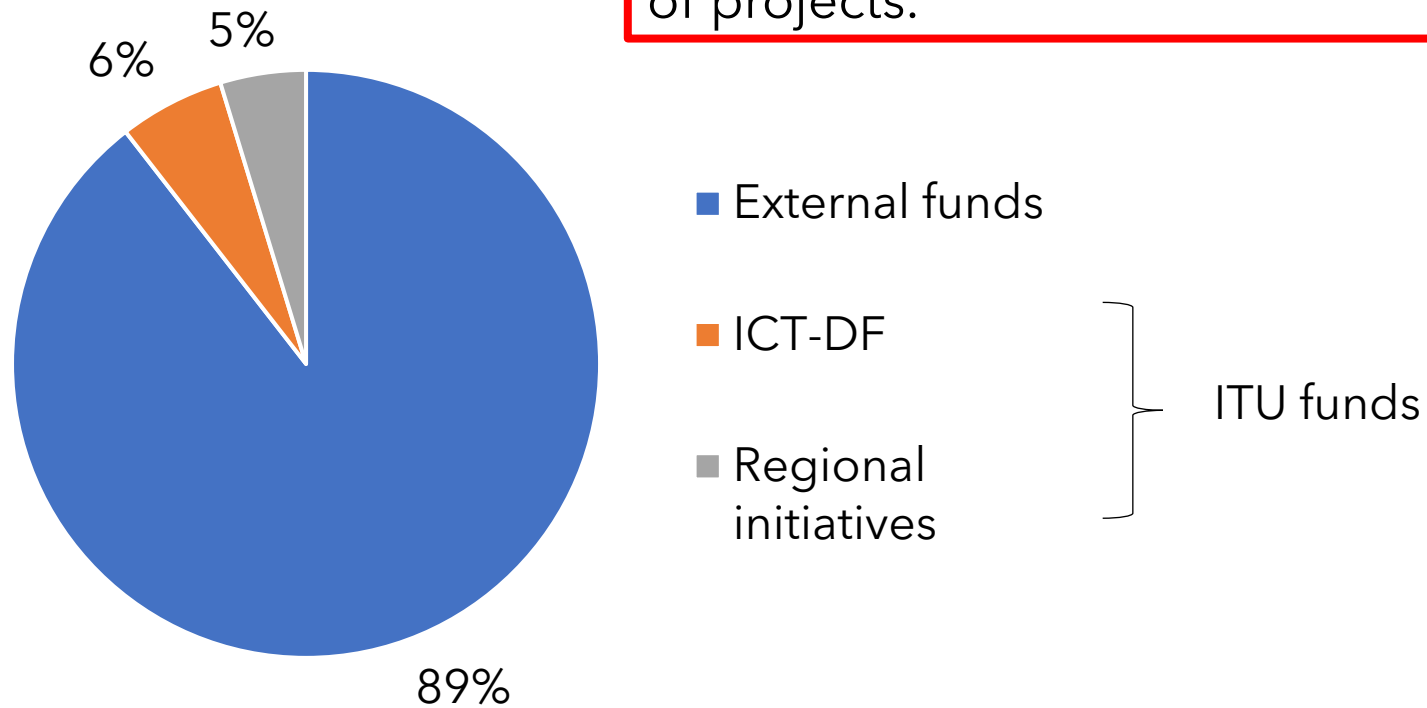
Specific conditions defined by
Council or ITU management

ITU is not a funding entity, but a specialized agency of the UN and an executing agency.

External funds constitute main source of funding

9 out of 10 CHF invested in ITU-D projects is provided by funding partners

ITU's funds play a key role to ensure successful implementation of projects.



Scope and scale of ITU-D projects depend on:

- (1) the capacity of BDT to mobilize resources.
- (2) the availability of partners to provide financial support.
- (3) The conditions defined by the partners, and the alignment with ITU-D priorities

Projects and Regional Initiatives

implementing the outcomes of WTDC-22

ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025

Africa

- AFR1** Supporting digital transformation to usher a rapid transition to digital economy while accelerating innovation in Africa
- AFR2** Implementation and expansion of broadband infrastructures, connectivity and emerging technologies
- AFR3** Building trust, safety and security in the use of telecommunications/information and communication technologies and protection of personal data
- AFR4** Fostering Emerging Technologies and Innovation Ecosystems

Learn more at www.itu.int/africa

ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025

Americas

- AMS1** Deployment of modern, resilient, secure and sustainable telecommunication/ICT infrastructure
- AMS2** Enhancement and expansion of digital literacy, digital skills and digital inclusion programs, especially among vulnerable populations
- AMS3** Effective support for the digital transformation and innovation ecosystems through scalable, funded and sustainable connectivity projects
- AMS4** Development of enabling policy and regulatory environments to connect the unconnected through accessible and affordable telecommunications/ICTs that support the achievement of SDGs and the progress towards the digital economy

Learn more at www.itu.int/americas

ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025

Arab States

- ARB1** Sustainable digital economy through digital transformation
- ARB2** Enhancing confidence, security and privacy in the use of telecommunications/information and communication technologies in the era of new and emerging digital technologies
- ARB3** Developing digital infrastructure for smart sustainable cities and communities
- ARB4** Building capacities and encouraging digital innovation, entrepreneurship and future foresight
- ARB5** Developing means of digital regulation

Learn more at www.itu.int/ArabStates

ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025

Asia and the Pacific

- ASP1** Addressing special needs of least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific Island countries, and landlocked developing countries
- ASP2** Harnessing information and communication technologies to support the digital economy and inclusive digital societies
- ASP3** Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity and connecting the unconnected
- ASP4** Enabling policy and regulatory environments to accelerate digital transformation
- ASP5** Contributing to a secure and resilient ICT environment

Learn more at www.itu.int/AsiaPacific

ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025

CIS
Commonwealth of Independent States

- CIS1** Developing infrastructure to promote innovation and partnerships in the introduction of new technologies - the Internet of Things, including the industrial Internet, smart cities and communities, 5G/IMT-2020 and next-generation NIT-2030 communication networks, quantum technologies, artificial intelligence (AI), digital health, digital skills and environmental protection
- CIS2** Cybersecurity and personal data protection
- CIS3** Creating an enabling legal and regulatory environment to accelerate digital transformation
- CIS4** Digital skills and ICT accessibility for the public, in particular for persons with disabilities
- CIS5** Development of smart cities and communities

Learn more at www.itu.int/cis

ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025

Europe

- EUR1** Digital infrastructure development
- EUR2** Digital transformation for resilience
- EUR3** Digital inclusion and skills development
- EUR4** Trust and confidence in the use of telecommunications/ICTs
- EUR5** Digital innovation ecosystems

Learn more at www.itu.int/europe



Projects and Regional Initiatives

implementing the outcomes of WTDC-22

**Regional initiatives
define the priorities for each region
established by ITU membership at WTDC**

**Projects can be used to advance interventions
and promote regional cooperation
in support of Regional Initiatives**

2. Overview of current ITU-D Projects portfolio

ITU-D project portfolio

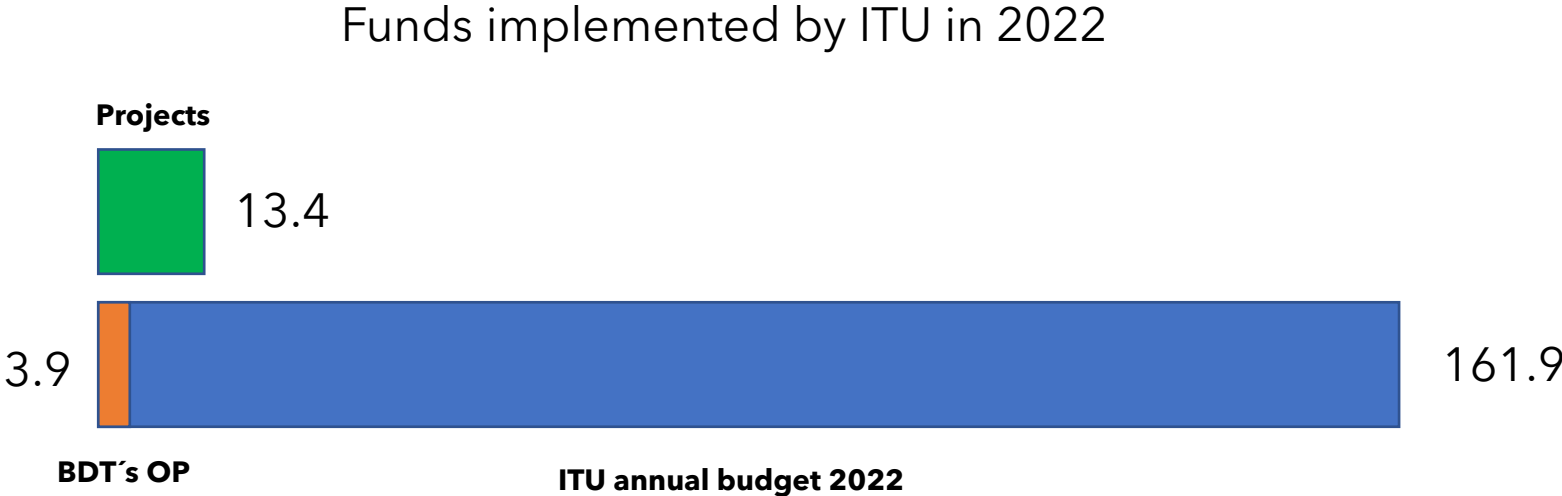
ITU-D implemented activities in 80 projects during 2022

Region	Number of Projects	Funding from partners	ITU funds (ICT-DF)	ITU funds (Other)	Total project funding
Africa	12	9,921.5	967.8	374.0	11,845.6
Americas	12	40,282.9	112.2	779.7	41,174.8
Arab	8	4,355.8	674.2	134.4	5,164.5
Asia-Pacific	11	6,504.3		627.2	7,309.8
CIS	3	280.6		446.0	726.6
Europe	4	6,919.4		245.5	7,164.9
Multi-Region	30	16,376.6	3,739.8	1,847.8	22,393.0
Total	80	84,641.1	5,494.0	4,454.6	95,779.2

Source: FRMD. Funds converted to k CHF

ITU-D project portfolio (cont)

Funds implemented in projects represent 3.4x the funds available in BDT's OP



Source: FRMD. Funds converted to k CHF

ITU-D current project portfolio includes a very diverse range of projects

ITU projects include global, regional and national projects



GOVSTACK: DIGITALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES



POLICY AND REGULATION INITIATIVE FOR DIGITAL AFRICA (PRIDA)



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CENTRES (DTC5)



BIG DATA FOR MEASURING THE INFORMATION SOCIETY



CONNECTING EVERY SCHOOL TO THE INTERNET (GIGA)



DECENT JOBS AND SKILLS FOR YOUTH



BE HE@LTHY BE MOBILE



E-WASTE COALITION



CONNECT2RECOVER



PARTNERSHIP ON MEASURING ICT FOR DEVELOPMENT



CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION



GIRLS CAN CODE INITIATIVE (GCC)



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN THE DIGITAL AGE (EQUALS)



SMART VILLAGES



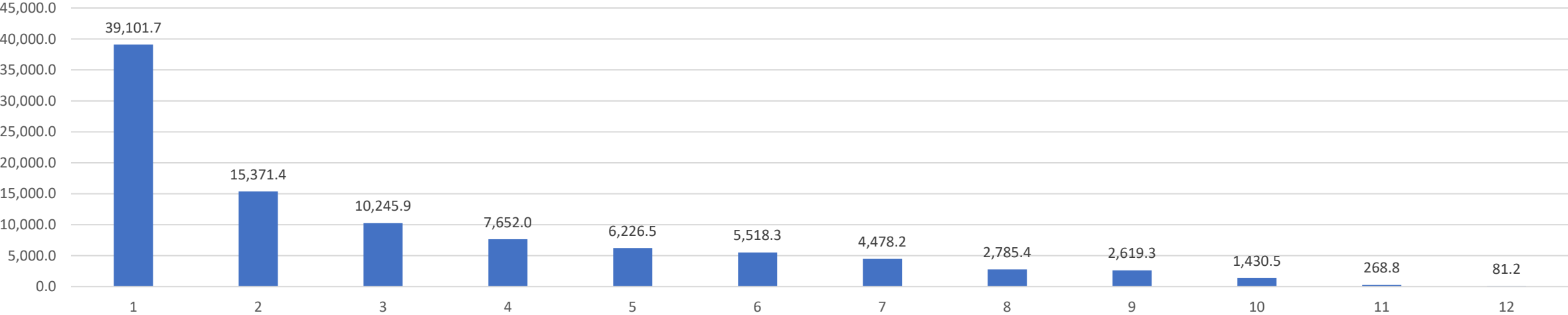
ITU AND EIF JOIN FORCES TO REDUCE THE DIGITAL GENDER DIVIDE IN BURUNDI, ETHIOPIA AND HAITI

Capacity development has the largest funding in projects

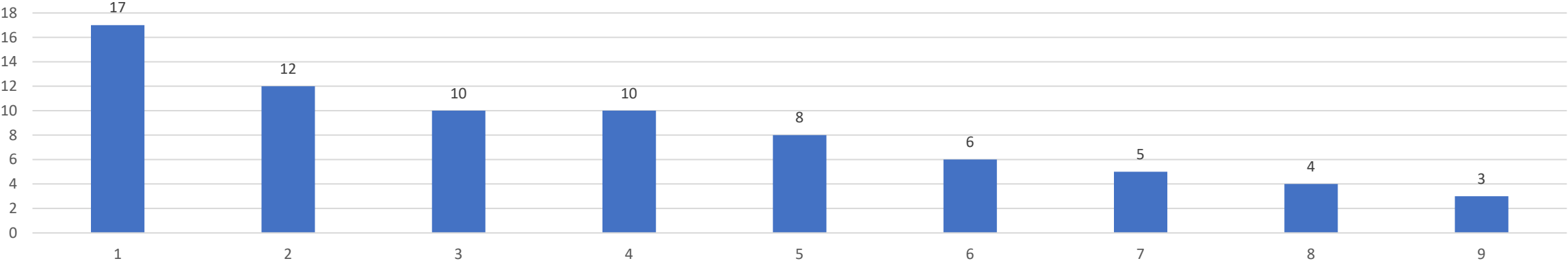
largest number of projects in network & infrastructure and digital inclusion

Funding in on-going projects per thematic area

Sum of Total (CHF)



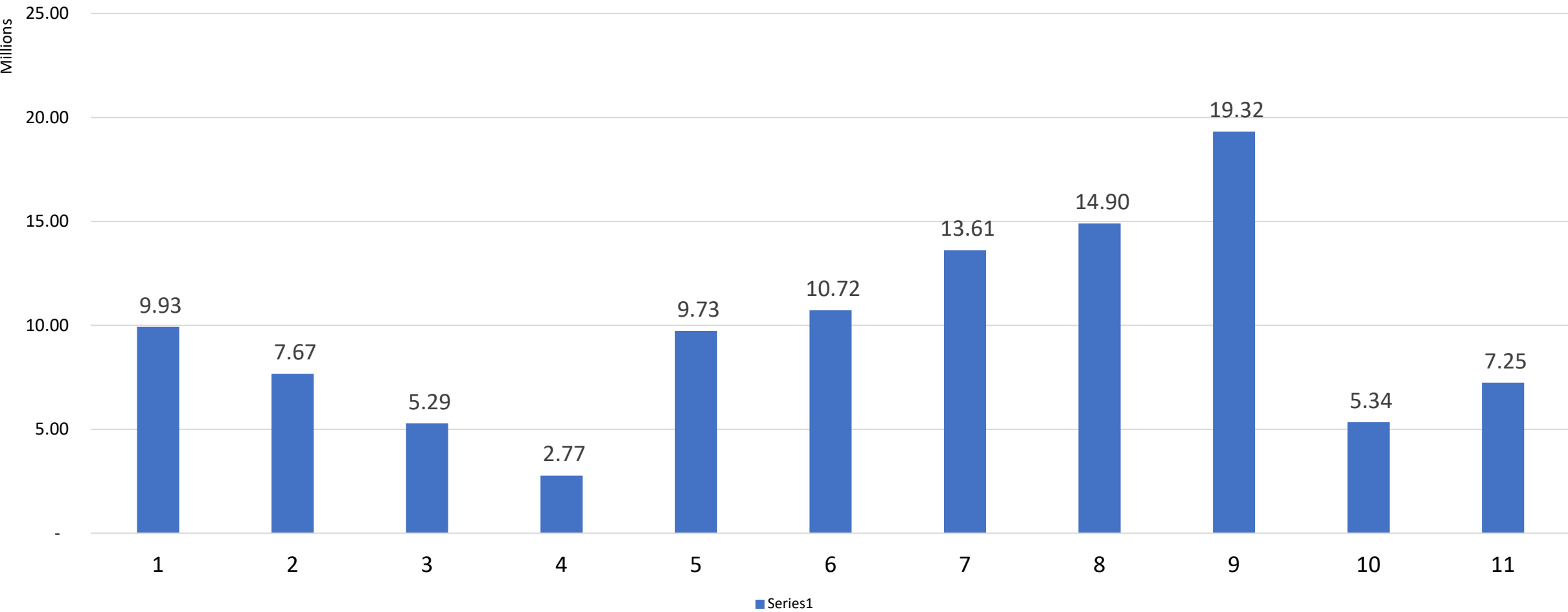
Number of projects implemented in 2022 per thematic area



Source: FRMD. Funds converted to k CHF

BDT continues to attract new funding in projects

Funds raised in 2023 (Jan-May) confirm support from partners in ITU's work



Source: FRMD. Funds converted to k CHF

Projects signed in 2023 (Jan-May)

Global Programme Digital Transformation - Horn of Africa Digital Government initiative

Digital Inclusion
GIZ

885,960 EUR

Soporte institucional al Instituto Dominicano de las Telecomunicaciones

Spectrum management and digital broadcasting
INDOTEL

79,000 USD

Promoting and measuring universal and meaningful connectivity

ICT Statistics & Indicators
EU

2,963,153 EUR

GIGA infrastructure support

Digital Networks and Infrastructure
UNICEF

300,000 USD

Partnership for Strengthening Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity
GIZ

437,362 EUR

Laying the foundation for VaMoz Digital

Capacity Building + Innovation
EU

2,300,000 EUR

Developing and Implementing E-waste Policy and Regulation for a Circular Economy

E-waste
Communications, Space and Technology Commission (CST)

500,000 USD

3. Status of funds allocated by Council to support the implementation of WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives

Background

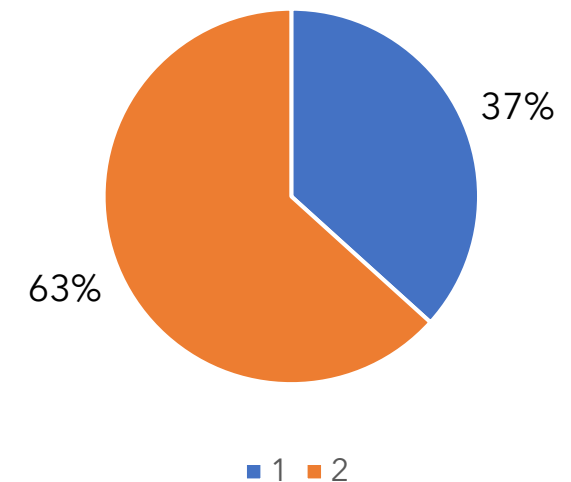
- The 2018 Session of ITU Council approved the allocation of CHF 5.0 M to support the implementation the Regional Initiatives approved by WTDC-17 (RI Funds).

(Reference: 9th Plenary Meeting of C-18. Document C18/121-E)

- These funds have enabled a total of 37 projects across all regions

Status	Projects	ITU Council Funds (RI Funds)	External Funds	Total funds
1. On-going projects	19	2,485.2	6,395.2	8,898.3
2. Projects implemented	18	2,489.9	2,184.0	4,673.9
Total	37	4,975.1	8,579.2	13,572.1

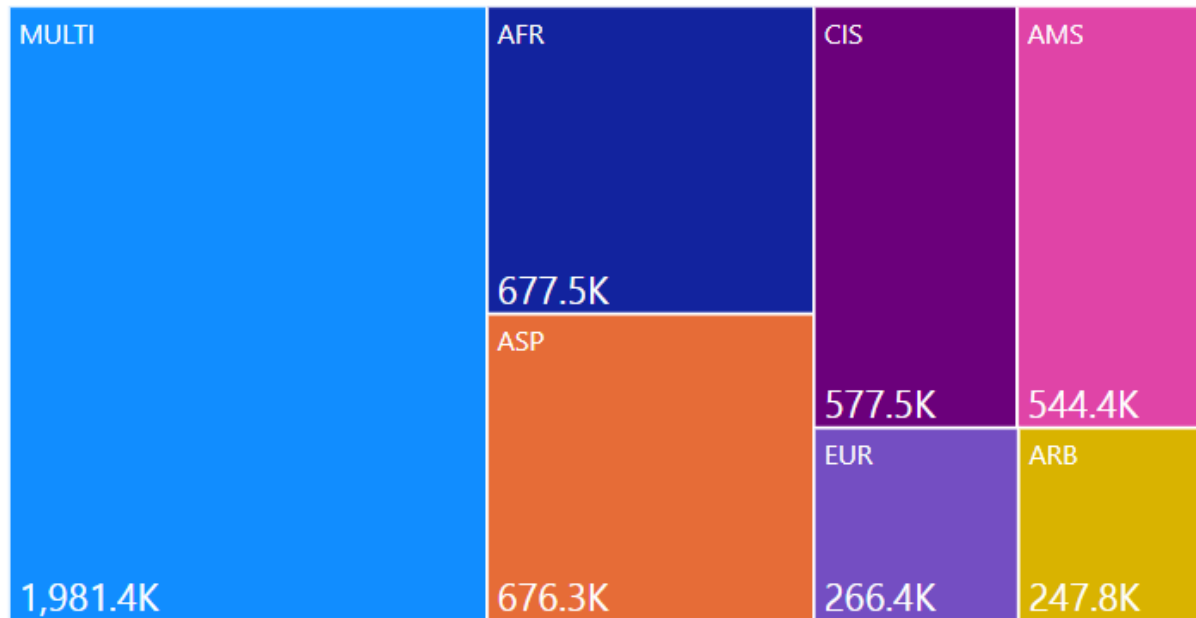
Funding in projects that received an allocation from the RI Funds



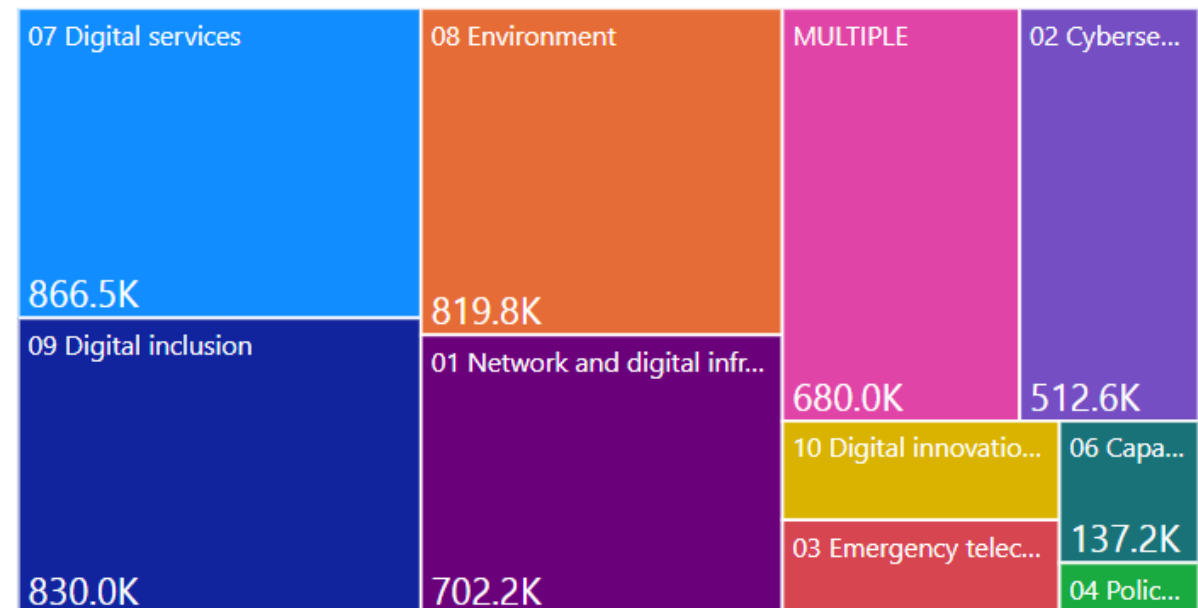
Allocation of funds per region and thematic priorities

Differences in total funding is directly related with availability of funding partners

Distribution of RI funds by Region



Distribution of RI funds by Thematic Area



Partners engaged in projects funded with RI funds

Close to 30 different partners involved in advancing WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives

UN Agencies

- ILO
- UN Women
- UNDP
- UNEP
- UNFPA
- UNICEF
- UNITAR
- UNU
- WHO

Other IGOs

- ADB
- CAF
- World Bank

Governments

- DITRDCA, Australia
- Estonia
- KINEU
- MIC Japan
- MSIT, Republic of Korea
- TPRA, Sudan
- Trinidad and Tobago
- TRAE, UAE
- Uzbekistan

Private sector

- Facebook
- Huawei
- Rostelecom

Non for profit

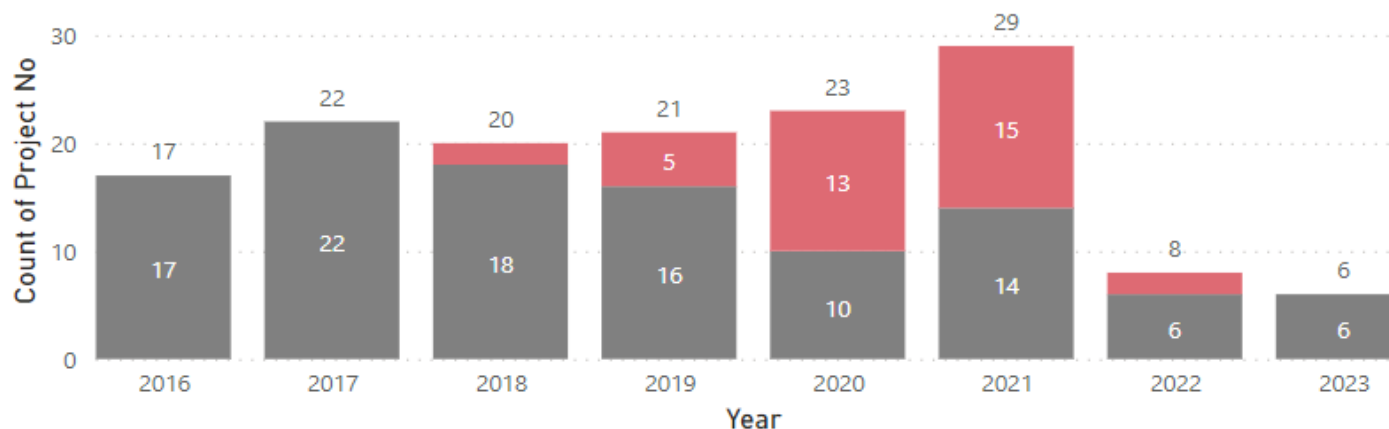
- Fundacion Gran Chaco
- Meem Ain
- WEF
- W4

Lessons learned to implement WTDC-22 Regional Initiatives

- RI funds played a pivotal role in raising significant external funds
- Created a surge in the creation of impactful new projects. 37 projects benefitted from external and RI funds
- The CHF 5.0 million resulted in CHF 13.6 million worth of new projects.
- As seed funds, RI funds acted as a catalyst for establishing valuable partnerships with new partners.
- Overall, RI funds were used as a good investment with high rate of return in terms of projects development and delivery that benefit significant number of countries.

Projects signed per year

RI Funds used ● None ● WTDC-17 Funds



Note: Further information in Annex 1 to Document 25



4. Strengthening project implementation in ITU-D

BDT continues to strengthen project management practices

Measures follow recommendations from internal and external oversight

- ✓ BDT Projects Board
- ✓ Strengthening of monitoring and evaluation
- ✓ Set up of “Projects under special oversight”.
- ✓ Introduction of country focal points for ITU projects
- ✓ Accelerating project closure

Constant strengthening of project management practices

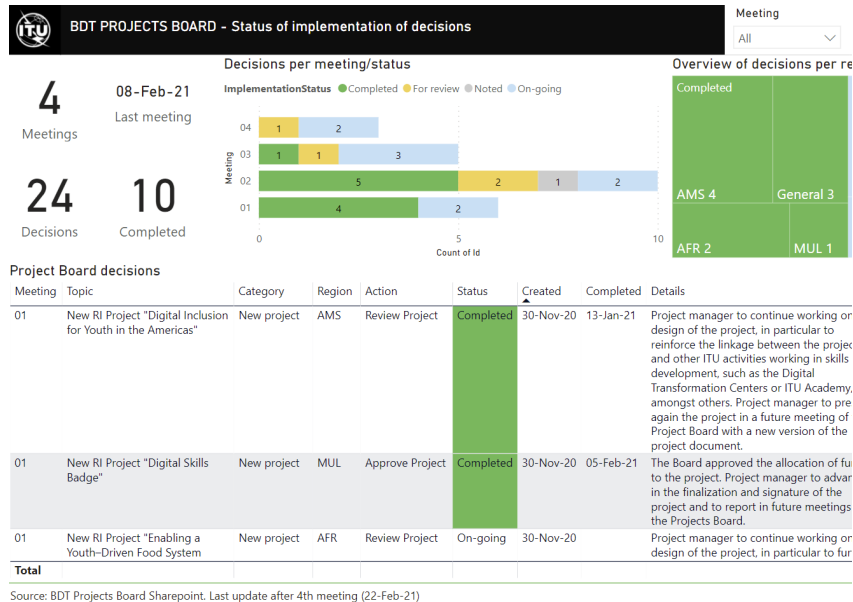
in the Telecommunication Development Bureau

- 90+ ITU staff certified in project management
- Publication of new ITU Project Manual in 2020
- Establishment of an internal Community of Practice of ITU Project Managers
- Hiring of dedicated project managers for projects, based on availability of resources

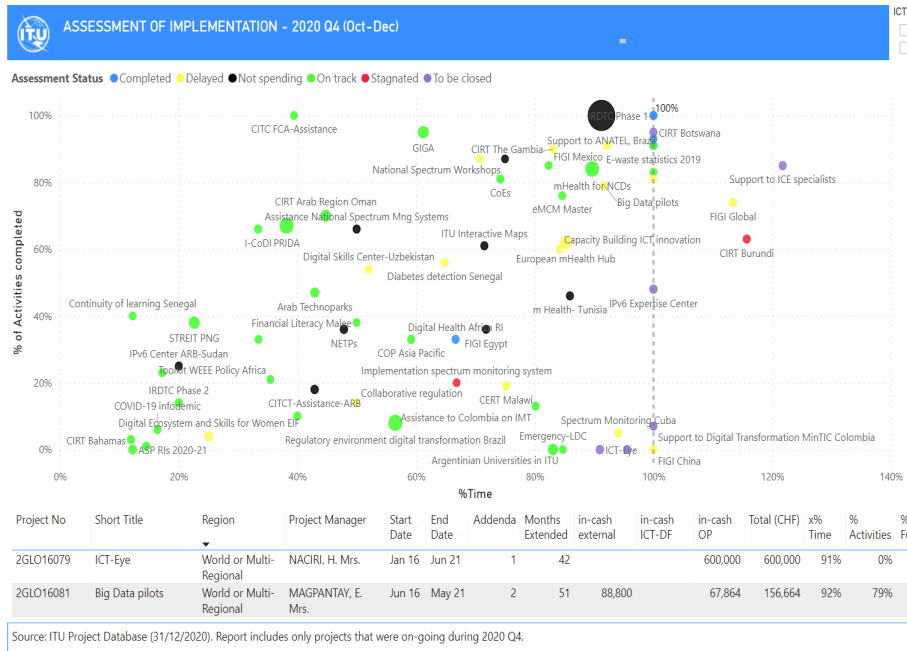


Increased efforts to incorporate RBM principles in ITU projects

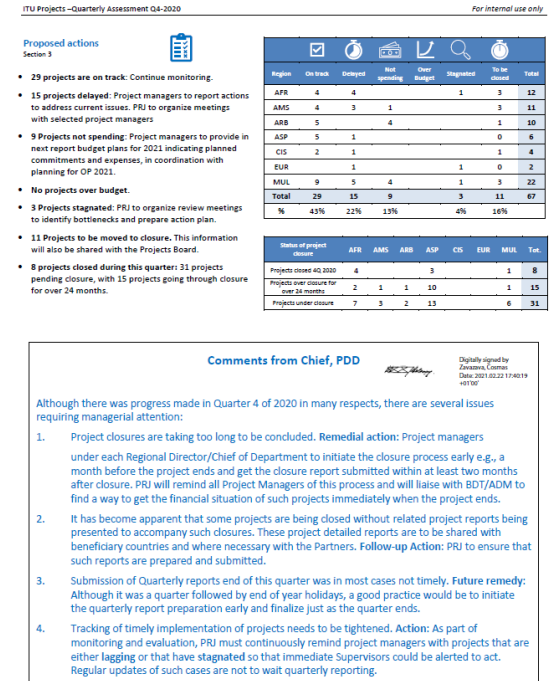
impact, focus results-based, governance and accountability



Strong governance through Projects Board



Internal managerial dashboards to monitor status of project implementation



Quarterly assessments focused on issues management

4. New ITU-D Projects Dashboard for ITU membership (Live demo)

Introducing the new ITU-D Projects Dashboard for ITU Members



<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Projects>

ITU Projects

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Around the World

ITU's project portfolio includes various projects in all regions of the world and in a wide range of areas. [More >](#) [More >](#)



The ICT Development Fund (ICT-DF) contributes to sustainable development through the co-financing of ICT national, regional and global development projects. Projects are co-financed with partners [more >](#)

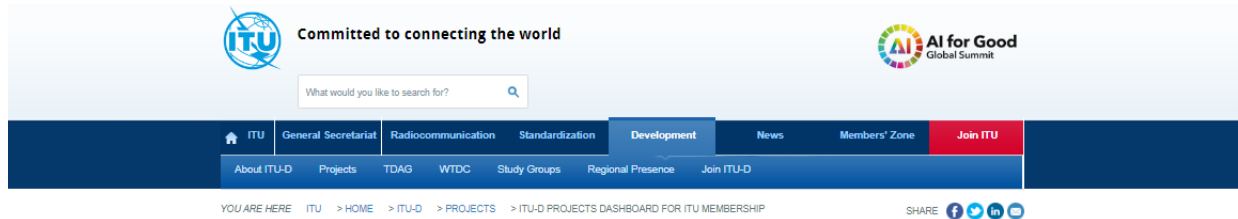
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- ▶ ITU Projects in Figures
- ▶ Recently signed projects
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Introducing the new ITU-D Projects Dashboard for ITU Members (cont)

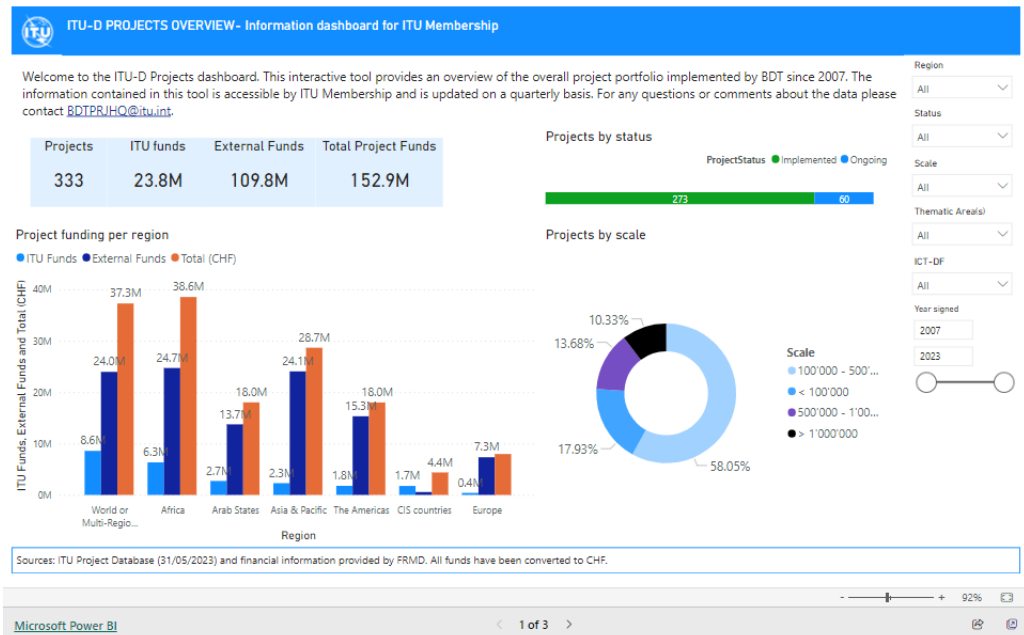


ITU-D Projects Dashboard for ITU Membership

Your opinion matters! Please share with ITU your feedback on this dashboard by participating in this online survey. Thanks for contributing to improve this tool!



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Dashboard embedded into the website, containing detailed information on ITU's project portfolio



Q&A

Further information and resources

- TDAG document 7

<https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0007/>

- ITU Project Portal

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Projects/Pages/default.aspx>

- ITU Project Manual

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Projects/Pages/ToolBox.aspx>





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