

## **AMERICAS REGIONAL INITIATIVES FOR THE PERIOD 2023-2025**

### **AMS1: Deployment of modern, resilient, secure and sustainable telecommunication/information and communication technology infrastructure**

#### **Expected results**

- 1) Assistance in designing, funding and implementing national, regional and subregional broadband plans and resilient networks, including support to community networks, with special attention to indigenous communities, underserved and unserved areas, critical environment areas and vulnerable populations, taking into account innovative connectivity solutions that can be locally deployed and managed, including access to spectrum and high-speed networks.
- 2) Assistance in developing, funding and implementing national emergency telecommunication plans and network infrastructure.
- 3) Enhanced and strengthened confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs), including capacity building and support for the development of national cybersecurity strategies.
- 4) Effective use of sustainable telecommunications/ICTs to mitigate climate change and enhance environmental sustainability.
- 5) Assistance in designing effective spectrum-management plans, enabling affordable access to backbone facilities, development of Internet exchange points and appropriate use of universal service funds.

### **AMS2: Enhancement and expansion of digital-literacy, digital-skills and digital-inclusion programmes, especially among vulnerable populations**

#### **Expected results**

- 1) Support in developing human capacity through national, regional and subregional capacity-building projects, such as training programmes or workshops, to exchange expertise and knowledge, as well as national and international experiences, which will provide practical skills and tools to bridge the digital divides, including the gender digital divide, in order to contribute to the development of sustainable telecommunications/information and communication technologies, enhancing competition, investment and innovation.
- 2) Provision of diligent assistance in planning, implementing and evaluating projects and programmes on digital literacy, digital skills and digital inclusion.

### **AMS3: Effective support for digital transformation and innovation ecosystems through scalable, funded and sustainable connectivity projects**

#### **Expected results**

- 1) Assistance in planning and implementing foundational infrastructure and special-purpose e-services.
- 2) Increased capacity building and multistakeholder cooperation to facilitate and enhance innovation in telecommunications/information and communication technologies in support of digital transformation in the region, with special focus on all developing countries in the region, including least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing states,

indigenous communities, and in particular youth and women in rural, remote, unserved or underserved areas and communities.

- 3) Promotion of the active engagement of civil society, international financial institutions, industry partners, academia and other relevant stakeholders.

**AMS4: Development of enabling policy and regulatory environments to connect the unconnected through accessible and affordable telecommunications/information and communication technologies that support achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and progress towards the digital economy**

**Expected results**

- 1) Support for and promotion of sustainable telecommunications/information and communication technologies in all developing countries in the region, including least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS), and in protected areas, for emergency communications and for protecting, restoring and promoting sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems.
- 2) Support in developing an enabling policy and regulatory environment and in facilitating investment and innovation to connect the unconnected and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.
- 3) Support for Member States in implementing policy and regulatory strategies to connect the unconnected, with a focus on affordability, including support for small operators and community networks.
- 4) Enhanced outreach to all developing countries in the region, including LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, for greater participation in ITU processes and better access to finance and expertise,
- 5) Support for digital financial inclusion and fostering the implementation of electronic transactions.