What we do

- **ITU Radiocommunication**
  - Coordinating radio-frequency spectrum and assigning orbital slots for satellites

- **ITU Standardization**
  - Establishing global standards

- **ITU Development**
  - Bridging the digital divide

**‘Committed to Connecting the World’**

- 193 MEMBER STATES
- +700 INDUSTRY & INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
- +150 ACADEMIA MEMBERS

**MEMBERSHIP**
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
Our thematic priorities

Networks & digital infrastructure
Cybersecurity
Emergency telecommunications
Digital policy & regulation
Digital innovation ecosystems
Capacity development
Statistics
Digital services & applications
Digital inclusion
Environment
Connectivity in LLDCs
2.6 billion people offline in the world in 2023

5.4 billion people online in the world in 2023

Note: being online means having used the Internet in the last three months

Source: ITU, Facts and Figures 2023

https://www.itu.int/itu-d/reports/statistics/facts-figures-2023/
Connectivity for LLDCs

Only 39 per cent of the population in LLDCs is online

Percentage of individuals using the Internet

The gender gap in Internet use shows no sign of narrowing in LLDCs

Percentage of individuals using the Internet, by gender

The young are leading the way in Internet use

Percentage of individuals aged between 15 and 24 years using the Internet

Note: In any given year, LLDC min and LLDC max represent the LLDC with the lowest and highest value.
Source: ITU

Affordability and Device Ownership in LLDCs

Despite rapid falls in mobile-broadband prices, affordability targets remain elusive

Price of broadband services as a percentage of gross national income per capita

Amidst high mobile phone ownership, the gender divide remains wide

Percentage of individuals owning a mobile phone, by gender

Note: Data-only mobile broadband refers to a basket of services including 2 GB monthly data allowance at 3G or higher technology. Fixed broadband services include 5 GB monthly allowance at 256 kbit/s or higher speeds. To eliminate the effect of annual changes in data availability on price trends, median values shown here were calculated based on a comparable set of countries for which data is available for each year from 2018 to 2023 (50 LLDCs for the mobile-broadband basket and 25 for the fixed-broadband basket).

Note: Individuals aged 10 or older
Source: ITU
LLDC ICT Regulation and Policies

Evolution of the generations of ICT regulation in LLDCs

Note: The Generations of ICT regulation provides a high-level conceptual framework for the overall development of national legal instruments, policies and governance for the ICT and digital sectors. Generations 1 through 4 are based on ICT Regulatory Tracker scores:
- G1: Command and control approach: 0 ≤ 40
- G2: Early open markets: 40 ≤ 70
- G3: Enabling investment and access: 70 ≤ 85
- G4: Integrated telecommunication regulation: 85 ≤ 100
Source: ITU

Policy instruments enabling emerging technologies, 2023

Note: The six thematic benchmarks (national digital policy agenda, regulatory capacity, good governance, legal instruments for ICT/telecommunications and digital markets, and ICT competition and market rules) each comprise a sub-set of indicators, as part of the ITU Unified Framework for the readiness of national policy, legal and governance frameworks for digital transformation. The percentage of achievement on each benchmark indicates the proportion of met versus unmet indicators. e. ITU

LLDC Mobile Network

Percentage of population covered by type of mobile network

Note: The values for 2G, 3G and 4G networks show the incremental percentage of the population that is not covered by a more advanced technology network (e.g., in 2023, 82 per cent of the population in LLDCs was covered by a 3G network or above, that is 5 per cent + 49 per cent + 28 per cent). There are insufficient data to produce estimates for 5G coverage prior to 2021.

Source: ITU

Collaborations
The ITU Area Office for South Asia and Innovation Centre was inaugurated at the highest levels by ITU’s Secretary General and the PM of India on 22nd March 2023.

It is fully funded and hosted by the Government of India.

The objectives of the area office are:

- Promoting the introduction of advanced technologies
- Contributing to the development of ICT/telecommunication networks and services
- Providing TA to infrastructure, e-governance, and cross-sectoral ICT applications
- Assisting with human resources and capacity development
- Conducting other activities related to ITU's mandate to connect the world
The new office in India's capital includes ITU's first centre for innovation, positioning it as a hub for promoting advanced technologies within the region and beyond
World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly WTSA-24

• First WTSA-24 in Asia to be held at International Exhibition cum Convention Centre at **Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**

• **14 October 2024**, Global Standardization Assembly GSS-24

• **15-24 October 2024**, World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, **WTSA-24**

• **Side events** – India Mobile Congress (16-18 Oct), Network of Women (17 Oct), WHO-ITU Safe Listening Workshop (17 Oct), AI4GOOD India Impact Summit (18 Oct), Kaleidoscope (21-23 Oct), Robotics for Youth Challenge, Hackathon

• **24 October** UN Day, participation from UNCT
Partner2Connect
Background

- Partner2Connect (P2C) is a global multistakeholder alliance launched in 2021 by ITU in close cooperation with the Office of the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Technology, and the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Islands Developing States (UNOHRLLS)

- P2C aligns with the UN SG Roadmap for Digital Cooperation, the Kigali Action Plan, ITU’s Regional Initiatives, the WSIS Action Lines and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- P2C uses the Action Framework to highlight the key elements that need to be addressed to achieve universal, meaningful connectivity and digital transformation for all. The Framework also gives a guideline to pledgers on the Focus Areas under which pledges can be submitted
Action Framework – Focus Areas and Pillars

ACCESS
Connecting people everywhere
- Infrastructure
- Affordability
- Cybersecurity

ADOPTION
Empowering Communities
- Skills
- Inclusion
- Local Content/Services

VALUE CREATION
Building Digital Ecosystems
- Innovation/Entrepreneurship
- Apps & Services
- Digital Economy

ACCELERATE
Incentivizing investment
- Innovative Financing
- Project Viability
- Investor Constellation

Find additional information [here](#)
### P2C Pledges Globally

- Currently, P2C has received over **895 pledges** worth **46 USD Billion**
- P2C engages **434 entities** from government, private sector, UN agencies and other international or regional organizations (including multilateral development banks), civil society, academia, and youth groups
- Of the 434 entities participating in the Coalition, **177 are of governmental nature**
- The **private sector (97 entities)** represents about **23%** of the entities participating in the Coalition
- **22 UN Agencies** are currently involved with the Coalition

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P2C Pledges: Asia-Pacific

- 232 pledges worth $16.66 Billion to be implemented in Asia-Pacific
- Submitted by 128 entities from government, private sector, NGOs, academia from 47 different countries
- Pledges' Focus Areas match Regional Initiatives' clusters

P2C Focus Areas match Asia-Pacific’ RI 2023-2025
Thank you!

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