Global Gateway

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA REGION - D4D for Digital Economy and Society in Sub-Saharan Africa

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TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL

Strengthen EU coordination on D4D (D4D Hub Africa Branch):
- Exchange information on projects (D4D Hub label
- Identify TEIs with a thematic and/or geographic scope
- Supporting the EU-AU dialogue on digital, joint engagement
- Localize the global D4D Hub strategy
- Promote dialogue with EU and African private sector actors, academia and think tanks
- Thematic working groups

Engage in Africa-Europe strategic dialogue:
- Annual multi-stakeholder forum

Support the digital transformation in Africa under the Team Europe umbrella:
- Jointly defined priority areas
- Thematic working groups - Project identification/formulation by each development partner
- Co-financing and/or joint implementation of actions
- Joint investments

D4D Hub Labelled Support (coherent framework of actions) to:
- Monitoring, clear and agreed benchmarks
- Assure complementarity, coherence, and coordination at EU level
- Assess additionally and accurate accounting
- Mapping of relevant interventions

MODALITIES/TOOLS

Policy dialogue   **Technical assistance**

Blending:
- Grants
- Loans

TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL
Support the digital transformation in Africa by fostering multi-stakeholder dialogue, joint partnerships, and investments in the digital domain

*This Team Europe Initiative is work in proress

KEY DELIVERABLES

1. **Under exploration:**
   - Extension of the Medusa cable from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic along the West and Central Africa coast, in complementarity with CEF.
   - Extension of EllaLink (BELLA) to Mauritania, in complementarity with CEF.
   - Further extension of EllaLink to Canary Islands.
   - Financing of the planned Amilcar Cabral submarine cable, connecting Cabo Verde to Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Sierra Leone and the Gambia.
2. **Secure EurAfrica Gateway Cable:** Data centre for EO and STI, pooling resources with NOSi and OSCM in Mindelo (Cape Verde), for Oceanography and Blue Economy.
3. **CAR fibre optic cable:** 834/900 Km optic fiber cables installed, Network Operation Center built and equipped (97%) - 4365 jobs created (mostly temporary). Digital Training Centre, including an incubator for digital enterprises within the University of Bangui (Huawei supplies equipment to training center).
4. **DRC Fibre Optic Backbone project:** signed! Delivery of high speed broadband in 9 towns and deployed along the railways (1,280 km long) and on poles along the road (139 km).

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REGIONAL CONTEXT

Over the past 10 years: the continent has recorded the highest growth in internet access worldwide

Youngest population in the world

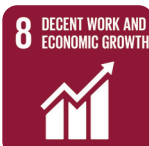**Priorities for Sub Saharan Africa:**
- Digital Governance
- Digital Infrastructure
- Digital Literacy and Skills
- Digital Entrepreneurship

African Union Commission Regional Economic Committees (RECs)

Regional policies:
- Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa (2020-2030)
- SSA Regional and Country Multi-annual Indicative programmes

GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

1 NO POVERTY

2030 Digital Compass: the European way for the Digital Decade

AU-EU Digital Economy Task Force (DETF)

EU-AU Data Flagship

AU-EU D4D Hub project, part of the global Digital 4 Development Hub (D4D Hub), 2020

**SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)