

CAPACITY BUILDING FRAMEWORK FOR THE WTO AGREEMENT ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

This informal document presents a non-exhaustive list of active capacity building initiatives provided by members parties and international organisations as at 1 December 2025. The Co-Convenors of the Joint Statement Initiative on E-commerce published the 1st edition of this framework on the WTO website on 29 January 2025 with the WTO Secretariat's support, and programme details have been regularly updated.

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Australia	Market Development Facility	Australia's Market Development Facility (MDF) is a multi-country initiative that promotes sustainable economic development by aiming to increase incomes for women and men in our partner countries. MDF supports partners from both the business and government sectors to identify and grow commercial opportunities that are profitable, scalable and deliver social and environmental value. MDF connects individuals, businesses, governments, and NGOs with each other, and with markets at home and abroad. This enhances investment and coordination and allows partnerships to flourish, strengthening inclusive economic growth. MDF operates in Fiji, Timor-Leste, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Papua New Guinea.	info-mdf@thepalladiumgroup.com	https://marketdevelopmentfacility.org/
Australia	Support for Permanent Delegation of the Pacific Islands Forum to the WTO	Australia's support for the Permanent Delegation of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Secretariat to the WTO recognises the need for Pacific small island nations to have a physical presence in Geneva, to give them a voice in reform of the international trading system, to improve the enabling environment for trade in the Pacific, and to support exporters to access profitable markets beyond the Pacific Rim. The programme supports PIF countries to effectively engage in and benefit from WTO membership by enabling them access to expertise, training and support in trade negotiations, and by supporting export promotion and aid-for-trade initiatives in line with the Pacific Aid-for-Trade Strategy 2020-2025, and the Pacific E-Commerce Initiative.	info@forumsec.org	https://forumsec.org/forum-delegation-geneva

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Australia, Switzerland and Japan / World Bank	Digital Advisory and Trade Assistance Fund (DATA Fund)	The Digital Advisory and Trade Assistance Fund (DATA Fund) is a programme managed by the World Bank with funding originally from Australia and Switzerland. The Fund is part of the World Bank's Umbrella Facility for Trade and is open to all developing countries and LDC members of the World Bank. The Fund aims to foster developing countries' participation in digital trade through two activity pillars. A) by supporting country-level policy frameworks conducive to digital trade, and helping to improve regulatory and business conditions for engaging in global digital markets, and B) by building capacity in developing countries to enable them to contribute to international digital trade policies, regulation, and negotiation, including uptake and implementation of the WTO Ecommerce Joint Statement Initiative. The Fund was rolled out globally in Burundi, Zimbabwe, Philippines, Rwanda, Djibouti, Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkey. It is in the second phase with the support from Japan and include diagnoses of the digital trade environment and compliance with international rules.	UFT_DATA_Fund@worldbank.org	https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/umbrella-facility-for-trade
China	Training on building an enabling policy environment for e-commerce and digital economy	The objective of this training programme is to enhance the capacity of policymakers and trade negotiators in developing members to design and implement policies and regulatory frameworks that support the growth of e-commerce and the digital economy. This will ultimately contribute to economic growth, job creation, and innovation in developing members.	Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the World Trade Organization	https://www.intracen.org/news-and-events/events/3rd-training-on-building-an-enabling-policy-environment-for-e-commerce-and
China / WTO	The China's LDCs and Accessions Programme (The China Programme)	Under the LDC Experience Sharing Pillar of the Programme, China and the WTO Secretariat will collaborate to provide e-commerce-related workshops to ascertain the needs and requirements of LDC and developing Members to be able to fully benefit from trade-related aspects of e-commerce.	All eligible TA beneficiaries are invited to nominate candidates. Selection is done by the WTO Secretariat.	

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EU	Global Gateway Investment Strategy	The EU's Global Gateway investment strategy, which has digitalisation as one of its key pillars, finances important infrastructure projects in Africa and Latin America. Some examples of flagship projects are: (1) the EurAfrica Gateway Cable, connecting the EU with Africa along the Atlantic Ocean coast; (2) regional fibre optic backbones across Africa; and (3) Africa Europe Digital Innovation Bridge (AEDIB) to support countries in strengthening their digital and innovation ecosystems.	Projects are managed through EU Delegations to the relevant countries and the European Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships.	https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/global-gateway_en#:~:text=Global%20Gateway%20%2D%202023%20Flagship%20projects&text=Global%20Gateway%20is%20the%20European,research%20systems%20across%20the%20world.
EU	Digital Development Hub for (D4D)	The EU's Digital for Development (D4D) Hub is a framework to support a human-centric digital transformation with regional branches in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood. It gathers 16 EU Member States (Belgium, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden), as well as European and partner countries' private sector, academia and civil society. The D4D Hub gathers yearly high-level dialogues that bring together major actors from both continents to share insights, identify joint opportunities, and potentially align priorities.	Projects are managed through EU Delegations to the relevant countries and the European Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships.	https://d4dhub.eu/
EU	Aid for Trade initiative	The EU's Aid for Trade initiative aims to support developing countries in enhancing their e-commerce capacities and integrating into the global economy. Through financial assistance, technical expertise, and capacity-building programs, the EU helps these nations improve their infrastructure, trade policies, and regulatory frameworks. The EU also provides support to digitalise trade broadly at the continental and regional levels, namely: A) to COMESA, EAC, ECOWAS regions to integrate ASYCUDA (Customs connectivity) as part of our Support to Trade Facilitation; B) to AfCFTA on Harmonisation systems and Rules of Origin (E-tariff books and e-procedures);	Projects are managed through EU Delegations to the relevant countries and the European Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships.	https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/sustainable-growth-and-jobs/economic-integration-trade-and-connectivity_en#aid-for-trade

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		C) to Single windows in EAC, ECOWAS regions as part of our Support to Trade Facilitation and Trade Competitiveness; and D) the Africa Trade Observatory (ATO) - trade automatic data for public authorities and businesses.		
EU	Digital Economy Packages	The EU's Global Gateway Digital Economy Packages with Nigeria, Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and the Philippines, aim to foster sustainable digital transformation through infrastructure investment, skills development, and governance reform. - Nigeria has been allocated at least €820 million under the Digital Economy Package. This initiative focuses on enhancing secure connectivity, digitalizing public services, supporting entrepreneurship, and developing digital skills, with a strong emphasis on human-centered governance. - Kenya's Digital Economy Package includes €430 million in funding to reduce the digital gap, support the digitalization of educational and vocational training institutions, and promote inclusive governance. Specific projects include internet access for over 1,000 schools and digital reform in vocational education. - The Philippines has a €20 million Digital Economy Package focused on enhancing disaster management and climate resilience through improved connectivity and the integration of Copernicus satellite data for real-time disaster response. - Democratic Republic of Congo benefits from the EU's €500 million investment in regional fibre-optic backbones, which will connect several underserved regions, improving access to education, healthcare, and public services.	Projects are managed through EU Delegations to the relevant countries and the European Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships.	https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/api/files/attachment/871307/GG_Nigeria%20factsheet.pdf https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/global-gateway-eu-launches-digital-economy-package-kenya-boost-connectivity-skills-and-inclusive-2023-10-05_en https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/countries/congo-republic_en https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/document/download/9fad4b92-bf39-4515-b1a9-28f55ace1484_en?filename=EU-Philippines-digital-economy-package.pdf
EU	EU-Latin America and the Caribbean Digital Alliance	The EU-LAC Digital Alliance is an initiative aimed at strengthening digital cooperation between the EU and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). It is both a high-level bi-regional framework for cooperation, given the Joint Declaration signed in 2023 at the highest level, a Team Europe Initiative and a	Projects are managed through EU Delegations to the relevant countries and the European Commission Directorate	https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/global-gateway/eu-latin-america-and-

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		Regional Programme. It has been supported by an initial funding of €172 million from Team Europe (€52 million of EU contribution and €120 million EU Member States). The Digital Alliance currently counts 24 LAC members, number that is gradually expanding by including new partner countries of the region. The EU-LAC Digital Alliance includes a Policy Dialogue pillar centred on the topics of cybersecurity, data governance, e-governance, connectivity and artificial intelligence. High-Level Policy Dialogues have regularly been organised on each thematic workstream to jointly define priorities and activities alongside LAC partners and thematic co-leaders. The Digital Alliance also includes pillars on: • Cable connectivity through the BELLA 2.0 programme, which aims to build secure digital regional backbone connectivity for research and education networks within the LAC region and with the EU. • The CopernicusLAC Centres in Chile and Panama, which aim to establish a regional Copernicus strategy to enhance resilience and planning capacities of Latin American and Caribbean countries by providing spatial data management. • The EU-LAC Digital Accelerator to boost SMEs, start-ups, business cooperation and innovation. The Alliance reflects a mutual commitment to leveraging digital technology to address global challenges while respecting shared values, such as democracy, human rights, and sustainable development. Through collaborative projects, policy dialogues, and investments, the EU and LAC aim to create a more interconnected and resilient digital landscape that benefits citizens, businesses, and governments in both regions. The Digital Alliance is also our vehicle to leverage the Global Gateway Strategy on the digital topic in Latin America and the Caribbean.	General for International Partnerships.	caribbean-digital-alliance.eu
EU	Other EU initiatives supporting Digital	• Jamaica: Operationalisation of third telecom operator, Rock Connect which will receive a USD 20 million mezzanine loan from EIB (ACP Trust	Projects are managed through EU Delegations to the relevant countries	

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	Trade and the development of the Digital Economy in LAC	Fund). In Jamaica, the EU is already supporting the government in the ICT sector bringing Wi-Fi and Wide Area Network (WAN) connectivity to public schools and households; the education sector boosting the digital competency of teachers; and the MSMEs sector. - Guatemala: The Global Gateway Inclusive Digital Transition Initiative comprises five projects to be implemented by the German development agency GIZ, the Spanish development finance institution COFIDES, Swisscontact (on behalf of Sweden), BID Lab, and the International Trade Centre (ITC). The actions include: daBio TraDe on Zero Deforestation and Digital Traceability in Guatemala (EUR 3.7 million); ConectaxG – Connecting for Guatemala to accelerate a just green transition and inclusive digital transformation (EUR 48.5 million); Inclusive Economic Development – Inclusive Finance to foster green, digital and sustainable growth (EUR 3.87 million); Wayfree Expansion, supporting Guatemala’s digital transformation (EUR 5 million); and Facilitating Sustainable Trade and Investment between the EU and Guatemala (EUR 12.25 million). - Colombia: Digital Inclusion Facility (EUR 3 million) focuses on digital skills development, youth employment and entrepreneurship, and access to digital payments. The Connecting the Unconnected project (EUR 1 million) supports local internet providers in formalising their operations through business, technological, regulatory and cybersecurity capacity building. A Cybersecurity for MSMEs programme is also underway, developing cybersecurity skills among small businesses in Bogotá, with targeted projects in Caldas, Nariño, Chocó and Valle del Cauca to support the digital transformation of local, especially women-led and ethnic, enterprises. In total, the EU has allocated approximately EUR 4.6 million to develop a pipeline of viable projects aimed at expanding connectivity infrastructure in Colombia’s ten most digitally excluded departments. - Trinidad and Tobago: The EU, in collaboration with the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF), has provided a 3 million euros grant to assist the Ministry of Digital Transformation (MDT) in implementing key components of the country’s digital transformation strategy, including the development of electronic identity (e-ID), a public	and the European Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships.	

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		data interoperability platform, and a government data centre, bringing tangible benefits to citizens in terms of efficient accessibility to public services. • Brazil: Amazonia Verde project, to develop and implement Proof of Concept tech packages for 4G connectivity with satellite backhaul, a digital marketplace, and telemedicine services in remote communities of the Amazonas. • Central America: EU Regulatory Sandboxes Programme on AI (3 million euros). • Mutual recognition of e-signatures with the EU (Brazil, Uruguay): as part of the work of the EU-LAC Digital Alliance on e-governance, we are supporting ongoing processes of mutual recognition of e-signatures with Brazil and Uruguay, led by DG CNECT and DG DIGIT. We are also exploring the setting up of technical assistance through the Digital Alliance in these processes, as well as analysing new cooperations proposals received on the matter (i.e. SICA).		
EU	Africa-EU Investment Package	The Africa-Europe Investment Package, launched under the EU's Global Gateway strategy, aims to strengthen digital infrastructure and services across Africa, with a focus on closing the digital divide and promoting sustainable development. The package supports a variety of initiatives that enhance digital connectivity, innovation ecosystems, and skills development. Notable projects include the construction of regional fibre-optic backbones in Sub-Saharan Africa, which will connect underserved areas and improve access to high-speed internet for millions. One of the key initiatives is the deployment of 12,000 km of fibre-optic cables across countries like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, and Zimbabwe, which will enhance broadband connectivity and improve public services, including education and healthcare. Additionally, the EU is investing in digital innovation hubs and platforms that foster collaboration between European and African tech ecosystems. A	Projects are managed through EU Delegations to the relevant countries and the European Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships.	https://ec.europa.eu/communication/presscorner/api/files/attachment/874062/GG_Africa_IYBA.pdf.pdf

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		significant effort is the €100 million funding for the Africa-Europe Digital Innovation Bridge (AEDIB), which supports the scaling of African start-ups and the development of digital innovation ecosystems across the continent. Other initiatives focus on increasing digital literacy and creating job opportunities through digital skills. Overall, the EU is committing €500 million to these projects, aiming to leverage additional private sector investments to further boost digital transformation in Africa.		
EU	Digital Economy and Society for Sub-Saharan Africa	The Team Europe Initiative on Digital Economy and Society for Sub-Saharan Africa is part of a larger European Union strategy to foster digital transformation and connectivity in the region. It aims to strengthen Africa's digital economy by supporting the expansion of digital infrastructure, skills, and governance frameworks that are both inclusive and sustainable. Specific areas of focus include increasing internet access, supporting digital startups, and enhancing digital literacy and job creation, particularly for youth and women. This initiative also promotes cooperation between African and European digital innovation ecosystems to encourage cross-continental collaboration in technology and entrepreneurship. With a projected funding of approximately €432 million, the initiative draws contributions from multiple EU member states and partners, including Denmark, France, Germany, and Spain, among others. This funding supports various projects such as building digital infrastructure, boosting digital entrepreneurship, and fostering governance policies for safe and accessible digital services. This initiative aligns with the EU's "Digital4Development" (D4D) framework and the African Union's Digital Transformation Strategy for 2020-2030.	Projects are managed through EU Delegations to the relevant countries and the European Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships.	https://capacity4dev.europa.eu/resources/team-europe-tracker/partner-countries/sub-saharan-africa/digital-development-d4d-digital-economy-and-society-sub-saharan-africa_en
EU	Africa Connected Programme	The Africa Connected Programme is a significant initiative launched by the EU in collaboration with Finnfund to mobilize over €1 billion in sustainable investments focused on digital infrastructure and service platforms across Sub-	Projects are managed through EU Delegations to the relevant countries and the European	https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/funding-and-technical-assistance/funding-

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		Saharan Africa. The program is part of the EU's Global Gateway Strategy, which aims to improve connectivity and digital services in Africa, particularly in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and fragile states. It seeks to attract private investment into areas like digital infrastructure and digital service platforms, with a focus on enhancing economic development, inclusivity, and access to vital services like healthcare, education, and finance. The program is backed by up to €100 million in guarantees provided by the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+). The investments are aimed at addressing key challenges in digital infrastructure, ensuring gender equality in digital solutions, and improving overall access to technology across the region. This initiative is crucial in accelerating the region's digital transformation and promoting sustainable growth through the EU's Team Europe approach.	Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships.	instruments/european-fund-sustainable-development-plus/africa-connected_en
EU	Safe Digital Boost for Africa	"Safe Digital Boost for Africa" (SDBA) is a 100 M EUR initiative under the European Union's Team Europe framework that aims to accelerate digital transformation across Sub-Saharan Africa. The Action has the objective to provide comprehensive support for trade and digitalisation towards a sustainable setup of an African single digital market within a robust cybersecurity environment. The objectives of the Action span across three macro-areas: eCommerce, ePayments, eGovernance; and Cybersecurity to complement the support provided under other EU Actions including the Policy and Regulation Initiative for Digital Africa (PRIDA), the Data Governance in Africa initiative, the Africa Europe Regulators Partnership and overall digital infrastructure investments. The Action will be segmented into five distinct components corresponding to regional clusters, including West Africa, East Africa, Central Africa, Southern Africa SADC, and Southern Africa COMESA, as well as a continental component.	Projects are managed through EU Delegations to the relevant countries and the European Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships.	https://www.gtai.de/resource/blob/1785314/a2160b71c404abdb2b39cbdc929fbe18/PRO20202406101785180%20-%20Annex%202021.PDF
EU	Other EU initiatives supporting Digital	Africa-Europe Digital Innovation Bridge 2.0: on digital entrepreneurship and innovation, the EU, its Member States and African partners are	Projects are managed through EU Delegations to the relevant countries	

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	Trade and the development of the Digital Economy	currently developing the Africa-Europe Digital Innovation Bridge 2.0 programme with a EUR 35 million contribution from the EU, with the objective to support the development of African digital entrepreneurship and innovation through the promotion of ecosystem cooperation within Africa and with the EU. • Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) to support the AfCFTA: this Team Europe Initiative (TEI) Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) supports the digital and e-commerce sectors within the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) by assisting in policy development, digital infrastructure building, and the establishment of e-commerce frameworks. It helps African countries harmonize digital regulations, promote digital trade, and enhance cybersecurity and digital skills. The facility is funded with more than €55 million between 2021 and 2027, co-financed by the EU, France, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, Finland and Ireland and aims to facilitate the digital integration of African economies for smoother cross-border trade. • Medusa Submarine Cable: an 8,700 km undersea infrastructure project designed to improve digital connectivity between Europe and North Africa. It will link countries such as Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, France, Spain, Italy, Greece, and Cyprus, significantly boosting broadband capacity. Supported by the EU's Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) program, the cable is set to become operational by late 2025, with the EU contributing around €7.8 million. • EurAfrica Gateway Cable: a submarine cable project connecting Europe and Africa along the Atlantic Ocean, aiming to boost digital connectivity, increase data flows, and enhance cybersecurity standards between the continents. It will also provide a backup to the EllaLink cable, further strengthening global resilience. As part of the EU's broader efforts to improve digital infrastructure, the cable will support the development of fiber-optic networks and data services, contributing to the digital economy on both sides of the Atlantic.	and the European Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships.	

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		- Mobile sites in Uganda: together with the Belgian Investment Company for Developing Countries and the Austrian Development Bank, the EIB supports a construction project (EUR 23 million) of more than 650 new mobile sites in Uganda, half in rural areas that currently have no mobile service, mainly powered by solar panels. - Data Governance in Africa: a EUR 60 million project co-funded by the EU (EUR 30 million contribution) and Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, supporting the development, by the AU, of data policy frameworks building on the AU Data Policy Framework and a Digital Investment Facility to facilitate joint investments in green and secure data infrastructure in Africa. - AfricaConnect: via this project, cooperation between the EU and African Regional and National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) is being scaled up for the provision of high-speed digital connectivity networks, e-services and data infrastructures for the benefit of research and education communities in Africa. The project has managed to connect more than 1 900 institutions in Africa with more than 5 million end-users. Thanks to AfricaConnect, 23 out of 38 African NRENs have been connected to their regional network, and free roaming service for research and education is now available for 284 institutions in Africa.		
EU	Enhancing E-Commerce and Digital Trade in the EU's Southern Neighbourhood	The project “Enhancing E-Commerce and Digital Trade in the Southern Neighbourhood” is a key component of the regional Team Europe Initiative “Jobs through Trade and Investment in the Southern Neighbourhood.” Its overarching objective is to advance e-commerce and digital trade in the Mediterranean region, unlocking business opportunities and fostering the creation of jobs. This initiative focuses on supporting e-commerce strategies in partner countries, harmonizing legal frameworks, and piloting e-commerce initiatives in collaboration with public and private sector stakeholders. The project will involve actions at national level in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia.	Projects are managed through EU Delegations to the relevant countries and the European Commission Directorate General for Middle East, North Africa and Gulf	https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/204783.html

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Germany	PanAfrican E-Commerce Initiative (PeCI)	The project focuses on strengthening the enabling environment for cross-border digital trade, especially for MSMEs, in selected countries of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). It advises the East African Community (EAC) on implementing its regional e-commerce strategy and protecting consumers in online commerce. The project also facilitates experience sharing on innovative approaches to boost digital trade. It strengthens cooperation on pan-African level and partners with various African institutions, such as the Smart Africa Secretariat.	The project operates in the following countries: Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, EAC. The project will limit its focus to two countries (Ghana, Kenya) and one region (EAC) during its next phase (PeCI II). For further information, please contact Steffen Grammling, steffen.grammling@giz.de	https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/137070.html
Germany (co-financier: EU)	Digital Trade in the Southern Mediterranean Region	The programme focuses on enhancing the institutional, legal and operational framework conditions for e-commerce and digital trade in the MENA region. It combines capacity development of public and private sector stakeholders on national level in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia with regional dialogue and experience sharing including all 8 MENA partner countries. Cooperation aims to harmonise eCommerce frameworks within the southern Mediterranean region and promote regulations that are aligned with the European Union (EU), thereby enhancing trade with Europe and the region.	The project operates in the following countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestinian territories, Tunisia. For further information, please contact Susanne Hartmann susanne.hartmann@giz.de	https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/204783.html
Germany	Promotion of digital transformation in Mauritania (ProDIGIT/DIGITAL-Y)	The project is supports Mauritania's digital transformation by strengthening coherence, inclusivity and innovation. Building on previous GIZ efforts to support the digitalisation of the Mauritanian economy (via an e-trade readiness assessment), the project facilitates the development of a national e-commerce strategy in cooperation with UNCTAD. To ensure impact and sustainability of the strategy, the project also works on an inclusive promotion of digital innovative entrepreneurship and building digital competences. In parallel, public services are digitized with support of the project to facilitate cross-border and internal trade procedures.	The project works closely with the Mauritanian government and its international partners, such as UNCTAD or the Global Alliance on Trade Facilitation	https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/202112.html

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Germany	Digital Transformation for a Regional Integration (D4R)	The regional project, implemented in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), aims to enhance regional digital economic integration in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). It supports capacity building among governments and private stakeholders to foster scalable and inclusive approaches to promote the regional digital economy, regulatory innovation, and productive digital transformation with special emphasis on emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI). Through the Digital Transformation Policy Lab (DLAB) anchored at ECLAC, D4R promotes evidence-based policymaking, agile regulatory frameworks, and multi-stakeholder collaboration, contributing to a more sustainable, integrated, and inclusive regional digital economy and a strengthened regional integration.	The project operates across the Latin America and Caribbean region with the ECLAC Member States. It involves governmental agencies, regulatory authorities, as well as private sector stakeholders, and civil society organizations. For more information, please contact: Franziska Seiffarth franziska.seiffarth@giz.de	https://www.giz.de/en/projects/digital-transformation-regional-integration
Japan / JICA	Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP) on Digital Policy for Data enabled Socio-Economic Development	This program aims to improve the capacity on formulating and implementing digital policies with special emphasis on socioeconomic development through safe and secure data management and utilization. The Program will provide participants with the examples and lessons learned of developing relevant strategies, policies, laws/regulations, systems, and mechanisms to maximize the use of secure and safe data flow for development. The Program is offered through lectures from the subject experts/practitioners which will be combined with intensive discussions both among the participants and between the subject experts/practitioners. The program will also provide current global and Japanese examples of challenges and opportunities related to cross-border data transactions/Data Free Flow with Trust (DFFT), learning such issues as personal information protection, online transactions, innovation ecosystem, data infrastructure development, AI Governance, Digital Public Infrastructure/Digital Public Goods (DPI/DPG), and others.	JICA country office inform the respective country counterpart agencies on the available course annually. The national counterpart agency shall compile and submit the request to the respective JICA country office (normally this consultation is held in July-August)	https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/schemes/tech-pro/acceptance_training/index.html

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		This thematic training course is organized annually by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in 2024-2026 and the participants are expected to present and share their own countries cases during the training.		
Japan / JICA	Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP) on Capacity Building in International Law and Policy Formation for Cybersecurity	This program aims to strengthen and promote cybersecurity measures by capacity building in international law and policy formation for cybersecurity. The targeted officials engaged in cybersecurity policies in developing countries will be provided with opportunities to learn international law and policies on cybersecurity and the measures taken in Japan, to consider how to apply in their own countries. This thematic training course is organized by JICA, and this program contributes to building foundation of the safe digital socio-economy.	JICA country office inform the respective country counterpart agencies on the available course annually. The national counterpart agency shall compile and submit the request to the respective JICA country office (normally this consultation is held in July-August).	https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/schemes/tech-pro/acceptance_training/index.html
Japan / JICA	Project for Enhancing ASEAN-Japan Capacity Building Program for Cybersecurity and Trusted Digital Services	The Government of Japan, together with the ASEAN Secretariat and the Government of Thailand, established the ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Capacity Building Centre (AJCCBC) in September 2018 to support the development of cybersecurity capabilities in all ASEAN member states. To enhance the AJCCBC program, the technical cooperation project based on the Japan-ASEAN Technical Cooperation Agreement, the “Project for Enhancing ASEAN-Japan Capacity Building Programs for Cybersecurity and Trusted Digital Services,” was launched in March 2023 and is scheduled to continue for a period of four years.	contact@ajccbc.org	https://ajccbc.ncsa.or.th/
Japan / JICA	The Project for Improvement Cyber Resilience in Cambodia	In order to improve the cybersecurity capabilities of Cambodia as a whole, the project will strengthen the capacity of the Department of ICT Security of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, which plays a central role in the field of cybersecurity, cooperate with other ministries and agencies, conduct awareness-raising activities for the general public, and identify the cybersecurity laws that are necessary for Cambodia.		https://www.jica.go.jp/oda/project/202005894/en_new/1548789_63117.html

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Japan / JICA	Project for Development of Human Resources in Cybersecurity in Mongolia	This project aims to improve the cybersecurity Education of Mongolia by building an industry-academia-government collaboration network for cybersecurity human resource development in Mongolia and developing a cybersecurity Education program for students, current lecturers, and civil servants.		https://www.jica.go.jp/oda/project/202108469/index.html?wovn=en
Japan / JICA & Singapore	Japan-Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21st Century (JSPP21)	JSPP21 is the joint third-country training programme between Japan and Singapore. JSPP was first commenced in 1994 as the partnership programme between Japan and Singapore to train the officials from developing countries mainly from Asian and Pacific countries. The joint planning committee reviews the programme annually, and the course on digital economy has been added since FY2023.	All eligible TA beneficiaries are invited to nominate candidates	-
Japan / The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships [AOTS]	The Program on DX Strategy for Manufacturing and Logistics Industries	The purpose of this training is to enable participants to develop specific DX strategies by understanding the concepts and methods of DX in Japanese companies. The training aims to deepen understanding of the history of ICT development and the accompanying changes in business, as well as to enhance understanding of how to develop business models and DX strategies utilizing ICT through company visits and exercises. In addition, through group discussions, participants will organize issues and develop and present post-training action plans.	-	https://www.aots.jp/application/files/4917/5065/9972/25PSDX_Program_Outline_E.pdf
Japan, Estonia, Germany, Netherlands, Italy, Israel, Gates Foundation, UK, USA / World Bank	Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund	This Multi-Donor Trust Fund, developed as an associated trust fund under the broader Digital Development Partnership Umbrella (DDP), aims to better define, understand, articulate, structure, and roll-out the cybersecurity development agenda in a systematic manner. The emerging work program will offer comprehensive cybersecurity capacity development, including development of global knowledge, country assessments, technical assistance, capacity building and training, underpinned with necessary investments in infrastructure and technology.		https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/cybersecurity-trust-fund

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Japan, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)	Project on Boosting Intra-African Trade through Leveraging Digitalization for Effective and Inclusive AfCFTA Implementation	The project will be implemented over 12 months and aims to support AfCFTA State Parties in supporting their efforts to implement the AfCFTA, enhancing accessibility of relevant trade information, strengthening digital ecosystems, and empowering women-led MSMEs in AU countries, in particular Namibia, Sierra Leone, Cameroon and Tanzania. This includes capacity building training for government and private sector actors (including women-led MSMEs) on the utilization of digital technologies to take advantage of AfCFTA with a view to boost intra-African trade and facilitate the development of regional value chains.		https://www.uneca.org/stories/eca-and-japan-launch-first-ever-joint-project-to-boost-intra-african-trade-through
Norway, United Kingdom	Trade Facilitation Support Programme (TFSP)	Since 2015, Norway has supported the World Bank's Trade Facilitation Support Programme (TFSP) with appr USD 11.6 million. The fund has assisted countries in design and implementation of automation and digitalisation solutions to facilitate trade, such as Trade Information Portals or Single Windows. The TFSP Multi-Donor Trust Fund was closed in 2023 and remaining un-used funds transferred to the TFSP Window under the UFT.		-
Norway, United Kingdom	Umbrella Facility for Trade	Since 2018, Norway has contributed funding to the World Bank's Umbrella Facility for Trade (UFT) totalling USD 12.5 million. The Digital Advisory and Trade Assistance Fund (DATA Fund) is Part of the UFT. The DATA Fund will assist developing countries and LDCs in enhancing digital markets. It will promote trust, simplify online business, and foster transparency and competition in digital transactions. The UFT has contributed to promotion of e-commerce and related areas through e.g. capacity building for digital trade. Pilot Programmes: Under UFT, pilot programmes have been established to enhance participation in electronic commerce. The programmes include training, technical assistance, and knowledge sharing. Coherent Services: UFT has contributed to developing coherent services for e-commerce, including e-transaction frameworks, e-authentication and e-signatures, e-contracts, e-invoicing, and paperless trade. System Interoperability: UFT has promoted standards and best practices for		-

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		system interoperability, crucial for seamless data exchange and cross-border trade.		
Norway	Digital Public Goods Alliance	The Digital Public Goods Alliance is a multi-stakeholder UN-endorsed initiative that facilitates the discovery and deployment of open-source technologies, bringing together countries and organisations to create a thriving global ecosystem for digital public goods. Participating countries and organisations include Germany, UNDP, and UNICEF. Since its launch in 2019, Norway has supported the DPGA with NOK 138 million in funding. Norway became one of the first mover countries in the 50-in-5 campaign, to promote digital public infrastructure in low- and middle-income countries. Digital public infrastructure are those digital systems, solutions and platforms that are foundational in nature and enable public service delivery across all sectors (and are therefore not limited to one or a few sectors). Digital ID, civil registries and vital statistics, digital payments, and data exchange solutions lay at the core of digital public infrastructure. When this digital public infrastructure is in place, they have the potential to transform both public and private service delivery. Digital public infrastructure can enable a range of private sector innovations in e-commerce through a much smoother integration of a larger and more inclusive market.		-
Singapore	Singapore-WTO Third Country Training Programmes (TCTP)	Singapore and the WTO Secretariat are collaborating to provide e-commerce-related workshops to support and ensure developing Members' participation and understanding on trade-related aspects of e-commerce. The Singapore-WTO TCTP is a collaboration among the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP), Ministry of Trade and Industry and the WTO to share experience and support the implementation of best practices that enable developing and LDC Members to leverage on e-commerce to boost economic growth.	All eligible TA beneficiaries are invited to nominate candidates. Selection is jointly done by Singapore and the WTO Secretariat.	https://www.scp.gov.sg/

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		Future activities of the programme could include partnerships with international organisations and the private sector, to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration with governments of developing and LDC Members.		
Switzerland / St. Gallen Endowment for Prosperity through Trade	Capacities for Trade Policies in E-Commerce (C4TP-E)	The Capacities for Trade Policies (C4TP) program supports over 30 developing country missions to the WTO to actively participate in shaping digital trade rules. Supported by the Swiss government, our new digital module addresses the urgent need for capacity building to enable meaningful engagement in the JSI and WPEC. We provide access to a customised repository of all digital trade commitments, allowing negotiators to easily analyse digital trade agreement text, and updates on the latest digital trade-related regulatory developments tracked by the Digital Policy Alert. In addition, we host in-depth expert discussions and knowledge sharing workshops on pressing digital trade issues and identify digital trade-related concerns in preparatory workshops for WTO Trade Policy Reviews.	andrey.eydlin@sgept.org	https://www.stgallen-endowment.org/initiatives
United Kingdom	Mobile for Development Strategic Partnership (M4D)	M4D aims to identify and support the development and use of new, innovative ways in which mobile phone technologies and mobile network infrastructure can be used to improve the reach, delivery, and affordability of life-enhancing services in Africa and Asia.		https://devtracker.fcdo.gov.uk/programme/GB-1-203804/summary
United Kingdom	Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2+)	TAF2+ aims to enhance the technical expertise and coordination of trade and investment ministries in developing countries, facilitating their increased participation and engagement in vital trade and investment negotiations.		https://devtracker.fcdo.gov.uk/programme/GB-1-204715/summary
United Kingdom	Unlocking Digital Impact Development	This programme identifies, trials, and institutionalises good practice and common standards for digital development work; provides knowledge-sharing platforms for digital development donors; acts as guardian of the Digital Development Principles; and disseminates knowledge and facilitates dialogue on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) approaches.		https://devtracker.fcdo.gov.uk/programme/GB-GOV-1-300718/summary

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United Kingdom	Digital Access Programme (DAP)	The DAP works to catalyse more inclusive, affordable, safe, and secure digital access for excluded and underserved communities in Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Brazil, and Indonesia, and to support local digital entrepreneurship. As part of the wider DAP, a project with the British Standards Institution (BSI) is rolling out in partner countries a toolkit on digital standards that help enable digital trade.		https://devtracker.fcdo.gov.uk/programme/GB-1-204963/summary
Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany (associate member), Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom.	Advisory Centre on WTO Law (ACWL)	The ACWL is an intergovernmental organisation independent of the World Trade Organization (WTO), with a mandate to ensure that developing countries and least developed countries (LDCs) can participate fully in the WTO legal system, irrespective of the size and composition of their economy or share of world trade. Any country designated by the UN as an LDC that is a member of, or is acceding to the WTO, is entitled to free ACWL services. Developing country members make modest contributions to the ACWL relative to their share of world trade and level of development. The ACWL has three core business areas: • WTO legal advice (including accession advice); • assistance in WTO dispute settlement proceedings; and • training on WTO law.	info@acwl.ch	https://www.acwl.ch/
African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat	AfCFTA Implementation Review Mechanism (AFIRM)	The AfCFTA Implementation Review Mechanism (AFIRM) assesses State Parties' compliance with their AfCFTA commitments including those in the Digital Trade Protocol (DTP) and its Annexes. The DTP inter alia covers provisions on electronic trust services, electronic authentication, paperless trading, electronic contracts, electronic invoicing, digital identities, digital payments, digital infrastructure, interoperability and mutual recognition, cross border data transfers, personal data protection, data innovation, source code, cybersecurity, Internet access, online consumer protection, digital inclusion, MSMEs, digital skills development and financial technology. Outputs of AFIRM include State Parties' self-assessment reports, Secretariat compliance assessment reports, Annual Secretary General report on overall	Dr. Halima Noor, Senior Advisor AfCFTA Implementation and Policy Review, Halima.Noor@au-afcfta.org	https://au-afcfta.org/

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		compliance with the AfCFTA Agreement and Follow-up Action Plans. AFIRM promotes peer-learning and can be a good learning exercise to identify trade instruments used by other State Parties to implement AfCFTA provisions, which could potentially inspire similar measures domestically. It provides an opportunity to draw in the views of the African private sector, such as Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Chambers of Commerce, and exporter associations, on the implementation of the AfCFTA Agreement. AFIRM identifies gaps and/or challenges in the implementation of AfCFTA provisions. Assessed State Parties are encouraged to draft a Follow-up Action Plan that addresses identified implementation gaps and appropriate interventions, including specific areas where financial and technical assistance and capacity building may be required.		
Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO)	Regulatory Assessments and Skills Development by DCO	Regulatory Assessments: this component involves identifying comprehensive digital economy indicators for each member state, reviewing and analyzing existing regulations affecting digital trade and producing Digital Economy Factsheets. The Digital Trade Agreement Track of the Digital Trade Acceleration initiative assesses current commitments in digital trade agreements and proposes a consistent analytical framework to ensure comparability and strategic policy formulation. Skills Development: recognizing the critical importance of digital skills in today's economy, DCO offers a range of skills development initiatives aimed at empowering individuals and businesses. Through training programs, workshops, and online courses, DCO helps participants acquire the necessary competencies to thrive in the digital economy. These initiatives are tailored to meet the specific needs of different stakeholders, including micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs).	Ms. Manel Bondi (Chief, Digital Markets Growth) at mbondi@dco.org and Mr. Rao Mehroz Khan (Manager, Cross-border Expansion Unit) at rkhan@dco.org	https://dco.org/about/
International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	International Chamber of Commerce Digital Standards Initiative (DSI)	The ICC Digital Standards Initiative (DSI) aims to accelerate the development of a globally harmonised, digitised trade environment, as a key enabler of dynamic, sustainable, inclusive growth. The DSI engages the public sector to progress regulatory and institutional reform, and mobilise the private sector on adoption, implementation and capacity building.	Pamela Mar, Managing Director, DSI, pamela.mar@iccwbo.org	https://www.dsi.iccwbo.org/

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		In particular, the DSI works with the public sector to build capacity to implement and benefit from digital trade by promoting and facilitating the adoption of The Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records (MLETR) drafted by UNCITRAL.		
ITC	Government-facing projects (e.g. Trade Policy for Development)	ITC works with the governments to build conducive domestic and international policy environments; supports the growth of enabling business ecosystems and strengthens the capacity of the Business Support Organizations (BSOs). On e-commerce and digital policy, ITC projects: • Support the development of a conducive policy and regulatory environment for e-commerce and digital trade at the national, regional, and multilateral levels, including facilitating domestic policy reforms, informing policymakers on the needs of MSMEs in relation to e-commerce and digitalisation, and building capacity for e-commerce-related trade negotiations. • Diagnose policy bottlenecks and undertaking regulatory assessments against international standards and best practices to develop roadmaps for policy and legislative reforms or national e-commerce development strategies. • Facilitate policy development and legislative processes by providing advisory services, drawing on international best practices and lessons learned in other countries. • Provide training for policymakers on building a conducive environment for e-commerce and engaging in negotiations on e-commerce and digital trade. • Strengthen capacity for enforcement of e-commerce regulations by building up the capacity of regulators in various e-commerce related agencies and facilitating inter-agency coordination.		https://www.intracen.org/our-work/topics/business-environment/digital-transformation-and-e-commerce

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		• Increase inclusiveness of policymaking through public-private dialogues to increase participation of private sector and micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) in policymaking. • Develop toolkits and guides on international practices and standards on data protection and privacy, cybersecurity, e-payments, online consumer protection, intellectual property rights, e-commerce and customs and logistics, platform economy, and innovative digital financial solutions.		
St.Gallen Endowment for Prosperity Through Trade	Digital Policy Alert	The Digital Policy Alert is the world's first repository of digital policy developments and regulations. This free database covers policies related to artificial intelligence, data, content moderation, competition, taxation and more. JSI negotiators can the Digital Policy Alert to learn about domestic rules governing digital trade.	tommaso.giardini@sgept.org	https://digitalpolicyalert.org/activity-tracker
UNCTAD	E-commerce and Digital Economy (ECDE) Programme	UNCTAD's E-commerce and Digital Economy (ECDE) Programme contributes to inclusive and sustainable development gains from e-commerce and the digital economy for people and businesses in developing countries. It includes UNCTAD's initiatives eTrade for all and eTrade for Women, as well as the Pacific Digital Economy Programme. The programme aims to: A) Provide better evidence on what policy changes are needed at the national, regional and international level to generate more inclusive and sustainable outcomes in e-commerce and the digital economy, including through the Digital Economy Report, technical notes and policy briefs, cyberlaw tracker and other research products. B) Help developing countries and regions understand the state-of-play of the e-commerce enabling environment in key policy areas and issue recommendations for overcoming barriers and bottlenecks identified, including through eTrade Readiness and JSI implementation assessments, E-Commerce Strategies and Action Plans, as well as the eTrade Reform Tracker, whose functionalities enable the assignment of responsibilities, tracking of task execution, and reporting on the progress of time-bound deliverables.	In line with the principle of country ownership, UNCTAD engages in demand-driven technical cooperation with interested countries in response to formal requests and subject to the availability of funding. More information on how to make a formal request is available at https://unctad.org/projects/how-request-tc The ECDE Programme can be contacted directly at ecde@unctad.org	E-commerce and the digital economy UNCTAD: https://unctad.org/topic/ecommerce-and-digital-economy eTrade for all UNCTAD: https://etradeforall.org/ eTrade for Women UNCTAD: https://etradeforall.org/et4women eTrade Readiness Assessments UNCTAD: https://unctad.org/topic/ecommerce-and-digital-economy/etrade-readiness-assessments eTrade Reform Tracker UNCTAD: https://www.etradereformtracker.org/

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		C) Foster gender-inclusive digital economies, by amplifying women's voices in digital leadership, empowering women entrepreneurs in developing countries with knowledge, skills, resources and opportunities to scale their businesses, and ensuring their effective participation at the digital policy-making table. D) Improve the availability of timely, robust and comparable official statistics on e-commerce, the digital economy and digital trade to enable policymakers in developing countries to establish benchmarks and better monitor and manage their economies' digital transformation, including through the Handbook on Measuring Digital Trade with IMF, OECD and WTO. E) Build the capacity of law and policymakers at the national and regional levels to analyse the legal issues underpinning e-commerce and establish national and regional legal frameworks. F) Catalyse more collaborative efforts and effective partnerships to make better use of available resources to address challenges to the development of e-commerce through the eTrade for all platform and strengthening multi-stakeholder dialogue in support of digitalization for development.		E-commerce and Law Reform UNCTAD: https://unctad.org/topic/ecommerce-and-digital-economy/ecommerce-law-reform Pacific Digital Economy Programme UNCTAD: https://unctad.org/topic/ecommerce-and-digital-economy/pacific-digital-economy-programme Handbook on Measuring Digital Trade: https://unctad.org/publication/handbook-measuring-digital-trade
World Economic Forum (WEF)	Digital Trade Development Program	This public-private program identifies barriers to national digital trade success and helps governments effect practical change, working with local and global stakeholders. The program covers legal, procedural and skills-related impediments to e-commerce and digital trade, ranging from payment to logistics. It builds on the World Economic Forum community's successful track record in helping deliver trade facilitation, investment facilitation and services regulation reforms across African, Asian and Latin American economies. Successes include supporting passage of an electronic transaction law and numerous instances of	Simon.lacey@weforum.org	https://www.weforum.org/projects/digital-trade/

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		digitizing reporting and data exchange systems. The program achieves rapid and sustainable results by ensuring top-down support and bottom-up design.		
WTO	Digital Trade for Africa	WTO-World Bank collaboration to support African countries' efforts to harness the opportunities of digital trade – Pilot phase concluding.	Six countries (Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria and Rwanda) were piloted for the project.	https://www.wto.org/library/events/event_resources/serve_2502202416/factsheet_dta_e.pdf
WTO	e-Learning course - Trade in the Digital Era	A series of five online courses on digital trade. The first course, launched in April 2024, offers a general understanding of how the digital revolution is transforming trade, as well as the benefits and challenges of the digital economy. Course two, launched in March 2025, focuses on key concepts underpinning digital trade, in particular related to electronic transactions and standards for cross-border paperless trade. The three other courses to be release will cover several additional issues related to digital trade, including WTO rules and discussions, as well as the impact of new technologies on international trade and the landscape of provisions in regional trade agreements related to the digital economy.	WTO e-Learning course are freely available to the public upon registration on the WTO e-Learning platform. Everyone can access the course; however, course's exam and certificate are only available to eligible participant (government officials from WTO Technical Assistance beneficiaries who have been nominated to participate in the programme by their government authorities).	https://www.learning.wto.org
WTO	WTO Trade-related Technical Assistance	The WTO technical assistance's main objective is to assist beneficiaries in enhancing their human and institutional capacities, so that they may fully benefit from the rules-based multilateral trading system, meet their obligations and enforce their rights as Members, and deal with emerging trade-related challenges and opportunities. The technical assistance provided is guided by the specific needs and priorities identified by the beneficiaries. When consulting TA beneficiaries in preparation for the TA Plan 2024-25, e-commerce has emerged as a key priority for a large number of them. The Technical Assistance and Training Plan for 2024-2025 is contained in WT/COMTD/W/273 and WT/COMTD/W/273/Corr.1.	All eligible TA beneficiaries can submit a request through: https://tamis.wto.org/user/login	https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/teccope/tct_e.htm

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WTO	Aid for Trade	The Aid-for-Trade Initiative supports developing country Members to build supply-side capacity and address trade-related infrastructure obstacles which constrain their ability to engage in international trade. Results from the Aid for Trade monitoring and evaluation exercises suggests that both developing countries and donors view ICT connectivity as an area where the demand for financing has been growing and will continue to grow. Aid for trade also has a catalytic role to play in mobilizing private sector financing for ICT. The WTO's leadership role as part of the Aid for Trade Initiative aims to draw the attention of donors and financiers to this area.	The Aid for Trade Unit is in a position to provide further information on Aid for Trade support for digital connectivity and e-commerce. This information can be detailed by project and recipient country in a time series format, upon further request.	Aid for Trade Initiative – https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/a4t_e/aid4trade_e.htm Working paper: Digital connectivity & E-Commerce: overview of financing flows and examples of Aid for trade support – https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/reser_e/ersd201808_e.htm 2024 Aid for trade Global Review – https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/a4t_e/global_review24_e/gr24_programme_e.htm#91019