# The Information Technology Agreement – a success story

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100% Renewable energy More energy **Efficient** 

\$100 million 5G smart factory in Lewisville

#### 7700 employees 5 R&D centers

First to launch 5G with all tier-1 service providers The Information Technology Agreement 25 years of enabling growth and creating resilience!





## ITA – the enabling factor

# 80 jobs

Are created for every 1000 broadband connections

Source: Ericsson, AD Little

# +1% BNP

Are created for every +10% increase of broadband penetration

Source: Ericsson, AD Little

## In a time of crisis, connectivity is key for **resilience**

- Now, more than ever, people rely on mobile networks and IT/ICT products.
- The pandemic resulted in an increase in demand for voice and data.
- Fixed and mobile telecommunications networks have become an even bigger part of the critical infrastructure.
- The imperative importance and high demand of affordable IT and ICT products for resilience became apparent during the pandemic – ITA is, and will continue to be, the key.



## IT/ICT had a prominent role during the pandemic

#### Stay connected



83 percent of smartphone users claim that ICT helped them significantly in coping during COVID-19 imposed lockdowns.

#### Work and learn from home



60 % of white-collar workers increased use of video calls. School closures occurred across 190 countries, impacting 91% of students - approx. 1.6 billion children (note that 3/10 could NOT access distance learning).

#### **Keep societies functioning**



Many societal functions and even healthcare activity was able to shift online to limit inperson exposure risks to COVID-19 - importance of effective and robust digital infrastructure.

### How to go forward - digital inclusion with ITA

50 % of world's population without internet access Promote deployment

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Create business opportunities

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Support a sustainable future

## ITA accession: Projected GDP Growth in 10 years

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Kenya

# Enabling financial inclusion





Challenge In many countries people do not have banking facilities. For example in Africa 57% of the population lack any form of bank account. Solution Mobile Financial Services platforms features easy to use and secure next-generation mobile financial services.

#### Impact

Millions of unbanked mobile users enjoy benefits of mobile financial services.

# A world where limitless connectivity **improves lives**

### Connect to learn

From immersive experiences, to financial inclusion, to millions of school children connected by 2030. Limitless connectivity brings the benefits of a digital society to everyone, whoever they are and wherever they live

Our global UNICEF partnership aims to connect every school to the internet

# **Improving school connectivity could inc**rease the quality of education by up to 10% in the least connected countries

### Gains in learning-adjusted years of schooling (average years per student) under alternative scenarios



The Economist Group

# Beyond the benefits to children, this could increase GDP per capita by up to 20% in some economies

#### Gains in GDP per capita (US \$, 000s) under alternative scenarios (2025)



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### Redefining business

# The logistics of the future

Smart manufacturing

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Connected vehicles

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### Continued enablement through ITA



# \$800 billion

ITA-3 would boost global GDP by nearly \$800 billion over 10 years. (recent study by ITIF)

## 15%

The ICT sector has the potential to enable greenhouse-gas emission reductions of 15% in other sectors by 2030.

# ITA going forward

Encourage more participants to join the ITA

The e-commerce negotiations is a unique opportunity to increase geographical scope

Continue updating the product list to capture technological evolution and innovation – ITA3

Emphasize the value in complying with the ITA – the importance of facilitating trade in ICT products proven ever more important through the pandemic





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