

# Knowledge Base

## Digitalisation in Private Sector Development in ACP Countries

This document aims to collect, organise, screen and share relevant knowledge and information on **Digitalisation in Private Sector Development in African, Caribbean & Pacific countries**: regulations, strategies, activities and programmes, projects and platforms, good practices and opportunities.

This **knowledge base**, developed for the wide audience of OACPS Platform users, focuses on key thematic areas linked to EU in the context of OACPS countries, i.e.: EU Development Cooperation, EU and ACP Development practitioners and international partners, **Private Sector Development in ACP countries**.

*NB The information listed below is NOT exhaustive. This document will be periodically updated and disseminated.*

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PROGRAMME / ACTORS	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p><b>Digital Finance Solutions For Resilience (DFS4Res)</b></p> <p>Implemented by United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)</p>	<p><b>ON-GOING PROGRAMME 2021 / 2025 - (DIGIT focus theme)</b></p> <p>The programme aims at <b>deploying digital finance solutions</b> at the scale and speed necessary to <b>deepen financial inclusion, and accelerate economic recovery</b> from COVID-19, in order to make economies and societies more resilient to external shocks.</p> <p><b>The specific objectives include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Improvement of <b>digital finance policies</b> and regulations in ACP countries (selected number of countries) to provide early response to emergencies and create an enabling environment to economic recovery.</li> <li>⇒ Creation and strengthening of <b>digital finance ecosystems</b> that support low income individuals in particular women and youth.</li> <li>⇒ <b>Mitigating immediate shocks faced by SMEs</b> and allowing them to seize economic opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Business ACP Website:</b> ⇒ Programme <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>DFS4Res - <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b>DFS4Res – <a href="#">Video of the Launch of the Initiative</a></b></li> </ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DIRECCT</u></b></p> <p>Implemented by Agence française de développement (<a href="#">AFD</a>) and the Belgian development agency, <a href="#">Enabel</a></p>	<p><b>ON-GOING PROGRAMME DIRECCT 2022 / 2026 - (DIGIT focus theme)</b></p> <p><b>ACP-EU Programme of Digital Response to COVID-19 crisis:</b></p> <p>⇒ OACPS and EU developed the DIRECCT programme deployed by AFD and Enabel in more than <b>55 ACP countries through 10 projects.</b></p> <p>⇒ The <b>DIRECCT</b> programme supports <b>connectivity and digitization of health, education and small business actors</b> to better cope with current and future shocks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health:</b> support digital technology to better monitor epidemics.</li> <li>• <b>Education and Research:</b> promote access to e-Learning.</li> <li>• <b>Small Business Actors:</b> promote access to the Internet for MSMEs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DIRECCT - <a href="#">Website</a></b></li> <li>• <b>DIRECCT Projects – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> </ul>

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<p><a href="#">Fit For Market Plus</a> (FFM+) Implemented by <a href="#">COLEAD</a></p>	<p><b>ON-GOING PROGRAMME FFM+ Top-Up 2022 / 2026 - (DIGIT cross theme)</b></p> <p>FFM+ supports <b>horticulture in ACP Countries</b> to improve the capacity of smallholders, farmer groups and horticultural <b>MSMEs</b> to access domestic, regional and international markets.</p> <p>⇒ FFM+ assistance is tailored to facilitate the <b>transition of ACP horticulture towards more sustainable food systems</b>, addressing some of the propriety areas of the EU Green Deal, including the <b>digitisation of businesses</b> for the benefit of the environment.</p> <p>⇒ The programme supports smallholders, farmers groups and MSMEs to develop and adopt <b>safe and sustainable practise and technologies</b>.</p> <p>⇒ Adaptation of <b>technical and digital solutions</b> for the ACP horticultural industry and agri-food value chains.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Business ACP Website:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <a href="#">Programme Knowledge Collection</a></li> <li>⇒ Programme <a href="#">Web page</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>FFM+ <a href="#">Web page</a></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Application for support request <a href="#">by clicking here</a></li> <li>⇒ <b>Report 2021</b> – <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></li> <li>⇒ <b>FFM+ presentation</b> - <a href="#">Video</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Business Digitalisation, smart farming, new technologies</b> in the <b>Agri-food system</b> are central topics in the <b>Innovations Series</b> developed by the previous FFM programmes - <a href="#">Web page</a>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <a href="#">PAFO</a> and <a href="#">COLEAD</a> YouTube channels</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p><a href="#">ACP Business-Friendly</a> implemented by the World Bank (<a href="#">WB</a>), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (<a href="#">UNIDO</a>) and the International Trade Center (<a href="#">ITC</a>)</p>	<p><b>ON-GOING PROGRAMME 2018 / 2023 - (DIGIT cross theme)</b></p> <p><b>ACP Business-Friendly</b> supports business-friendly and <b>inclusive national and regional policies</b> and strengthens <b>productive capacities and value chains</b>. The Programme is implemented by <b>UNIDO</b> (meso-level), <b>World Bank</b> (macro-level) and the <b>International Trade Centre</b> (micro-level).</p> <p><b>DIGITAL SOLUTIONS</b></p> <p>⇒ <b>Invest-in-ACP Investment Promotion Portal</b> to provide <b>investment location information and opportunities</b>, ACP partners, value chains, sectoral details on industrial sites.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Digital Investment Profiling System (DIPS)</b>, the back-end of the Invest-in-ACP Portal, serves as a web application for IPAs and IPIs for investment profiling data including <b>Investment Opportunity Profiles (IOPs)</b> and business intelligence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Business ACP Website:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <a href="#">Programme Knowledge Collection</a></li> <li>⇒ Programme <a href="#">Web page</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Programme Activities:</b> <a href="#">Overview 2022 Brochure</a></li> <li>• Programme <b>Impact Stories</b> - <a href="#">Video</a></li> <li>• <b>Programme Activities:</b> <a href="#">Meso-level UNIDO Brochure 2021</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <a href="#">Invest-in-ACP Portal</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Digital Transformation:</b> <a href="#">Micro-level ITC – Fourth Edition of the Coffee Guide 2021</a></li> <li>• <b>World Bank</b> programme <a href="#">web page</a></li> </ul>

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<p><a href="#"><u>Women Entrepreneurship for Africa</u></a> (WE4A)</p> <p>Implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (<a href="#"><u>GIZ</u></a>), Tony Elumelu Foundation (<a href="#"><u>TEF</u></a>)</p>	<p><b>ON-GOING PROGRAMME 2021 / 2023 - (DIGIT cross theme)</b></p> <p><b>WE4A improves business capacity of women-led enterprises:</b> Initial acceleration and follow-on growth programmes to assist women entrepreneurs in Sub-Saharan Africa <b>to access to financial services</b>, integration into local/regional <b>value chains</b>.</p> <p><b>ACCELERATION and GROWTH PROGRAMMES and DIGITALISATION:</b></p> <p>⇒ In 2022, <b>120 women start-ups</b> take part in the <b>acceleration programme</b> (Women selected from <b>TEF Entrepreneurship programme</b>), with access to €10.000 in grant funding and technical support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Digitalisation, new technologies and smart solutions are recurring themes</b> for the entrepreneurs and the start-ups involved in the acceleration programmes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Business ACP Website:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <a href="#"><u>Programme Knowledge Collection</u></a></li> <li>⇒ Programme <a href="#"><u>Web page</u></a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>WE4A Entrepreneurship Programme - <a href="#"><u>Web page</u></a></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <a href="#"><u>How to get involved</u></a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p><a href="#">Farmers' Organisations for ACP Programme (FO4ACP)</a></p> <p>Implemented by International Fund for Agricultural Development (<a href="#">IFAD</a>)</p>	<p><b>ON-GOING PROGRAMME Top-Up 2021 / 2024 - (DIGIT cross theme)</b></p> <p><b>FO4ACP</b> increases income and improve livelihood, food and nutrition security of <b>smallholders</b> and <b>family farmers</b> in ACP countries.</p> <p>⇒ <b>FO4ACP supports digital solutions and the acceleration of digitalisation in agriculture</b>, the use of different digital tools, services digitalisation, digital data collection, smart technology.</p> <p>⇒ Responding to COVID-19 by providing <b>digital information</b> services to smallholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Success Story:</b> Kenyan National Famers' Federation implements an Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD) system to serve members and farmers in Kenya.</li> </ul> <p>⇒ A FO4ACP <b>Community to support knowledge generation</b> has been created to share opportunities and offer peer-to-peer support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Business ACP Website:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <a href="#">Programme Knowledge Collection</a></li> <li>⇒ Programme Presentation – <a href="#">Video</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>FO4ACP Community <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b>FO4ACP <a href="#">Brochure</a></b></li> <li>• <b>FO4ACP <a href="#">Programme Summary</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Activities report – Agricord 2021.</b> Read more <a href="#">by clicking here</a></li> <li>• <b>Success Story:</b> Kenyan National Famers' Federation – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> </ul>

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<p><b><u>BOOST AFRICA</u></b>            Implemented by the European Investment Bank (<b><u>EIB</u></b>) and the African Development Bank (<b><u>AfDB</u></b>).</p>	<p><b>ON-GOING PROGRAMME Top-Up 2019 / 2028 - (DIGIT cross theme)</b></p> <p><b>Boost Africa</b> is a <b>blended finance and multi-partner initiative</b> focused on supporting entrepreneurially-driven early stage and <b>start-up Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)</b> on the <b>African continent</b>.</p> <p>⇒ EIB is working with the European Commission and the African Development Bank to support the development of a <b>dynamic venture capital and private equity ecosystem in Africa</b>.</p> <p>⇒ The programme <b>supports digitalisation</b> through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Funds targeted Investees:</b> Focus on <b>innovations, especially in the digital sphere</b>, to improve the quality of people's lives, <b>providing access to affordable products and services</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Entrepreneurship Lab (ELab):</b> Learning Platform to facilitate international linkages and <b>knowledge transfer</b> with research centers, universities, corporations, investee funds and beneficiary MSMEs/entrepreneurs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Business ACP Website:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <a href="#">Programme Knowledge Collection</a></li> <li>⇒ Programme Presentation - <a href="#">Video</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Boost Africa - EIB <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Boost Africa - AfDB <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Entrepreneurship Lab (ELab) – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> </ul>

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<p><b><u>Business ACP</u></b>            Implemented by <a href="#">European Commission</a> and <a href="#">OACPS Secretariat</a></p>	<p><b>ON-GOING PROGRAMME Top-Up 2018 / 2024 - (DIGIT cross theme)</b></p> <p><b>ACP-EU PSD Knowledge Management Technical Support Function / Private Sector Development (PSD) Light Structure - Business ACP</b></p> <p>⇒ Business ACP supports EU and OACPS Secretariat in the implementation of <b>knowledge management, communication and visibility</b> activities of the Intra-ACP programmes and the <b>OACPS Private Sector Development platform</b>.</p> <p>⇒ The programme implemented the <b>PSD Knowledge Management Platform</b> to share and <b>disseminate knowledge resources, best practices, news, events and workshops, relevant information</b> concerning the implementation of Intra-ACP programmes. Thanks to the IT Platform and the Website, the <b>programme supports the digitalization of PSD EU-funded work in ACP countries</b>.</p> <p>⇒ The programme provides technical and administrative support to the joint PSD Platform and for implementation of the <b>Joint Cooperation framework for PSD support</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ACP-EU PSD Knowledge Management Platform – <a href="#">Website</a></b></li> <li>• <b>PSD Knowledge Bases on several sectors – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b>OACPS Business Forum – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> </ul>

## 2. Digitalisation in EU and EU-partners International Cooperation

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<p><b>EU</b> <a href="#">European Union</a></p>	<p><b>EU Digital for Development policy</b></p> <p>In 2017, the EU published the staff working document <b>Digital4Development to mainstream digital technologies and services into EU Development Policy (D4D)</b>. Priority areas and future actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Promote access to affordable and secure broadband connectivity and to digital infrastructure;</li> <li>⇒ Promote digital literacy and skills;</li> <li>⇒ Foster digital entrepreneurship and job creation;</li> <li>⇒ Promote the use of digital technologies as an enabler for sustainable development.</li> </ul> <p>⇒ In 2022, the EU published the <b>EU Digital Strategy</b> and <b>new digital partnerships</b> strive to foster a human-centric vision for the digital economy and society across the globe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Digital Strategy:</b> digital transformation opportunities by 2030.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EU Digital for Development policy</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>Digital4Development Staff working document</b> - <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></li> <li>• <b>EU Digital Strategy</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>Digitalisation state of play for EU international cooperation</b> – <a href="#">Presentation</a></li> <li>• <b>Shaping Europe’s Digital Future:</b> <a href="#">Foreign Policy</a></li> </ul>

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<p>European Commission  <a href="#">DG INTPA</a>  <a href="#">Directorate-General International Partnerships</a></p>	<p><b>Digital4Development (D4D) – A European Strategy</b></p> <p><b>Digital for Development (D4D) Hub</b> is a new form of <b>global digital cooperation</b>. The strategic multi-stakeholder platform promotes new international partnerships on <b>digital transformation between EU and its partner countries</b>.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogues, sharing digital expertise</b> and fostering investments of diverse European and global partners.</p> <p>⇒ Digitalisation key element of EU's approach to development. In 2017, EU adopted the <b>European Digital4Development policy</b> to <b>streamline the potential of digital technologies</b>.</p> <p>⇒ <b>IDEA D4D Hub project</b>: Empower digital ecosystem collaboration, nationally, regionally and trans-continentially (Africa-Europe), to jointly advance a human-centric digital transformation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IDEA Project strengthens civil society organisations</b> and academia in Africa to participate in <b>inclusive digital transformation</b> through capacity Building, innovation Days and synergies creation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Digital4Development (D4D) – <a href="#">Website</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Digital4Development (D4D) – <a href="#">Official Launch</a></b></li> <li>• <b>IDEA D4D Hub project – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> </ul>

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<p><b>OACPS</b></p> <p><a href="#">Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific State</a></p>	<p><b>EU's new Partnership Agreement with members of the OACPS</b> contains important commitments, including on working towards developing knowledge societies and developing infrastructure <b>connectivity, digitals tools</b> and advance <b>digitalisation</b>.</p> <p>⇒ <b>EU-OACPS efforts on digitalisation and new technologies</b> through the development and sharing of best practices and the promotion of digital transformation to close socio-economic development gap.</p> <p>⇒ <b>OACPS Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025</b>: Science, technology and innovation key impact areas to attain SDGs, reduce poverty and achieve inclusive growth and socio-economic development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EU's new Partnership Agreement with members of the OACPS – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b>OACPS Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025 – <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></b></li> </ul>
<p><b>AU</b></p> <p><a href="#">African Union</a></p>	<p>The <b>AU Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA)</b> places science, technology and innovation at the epicentre of Africa's socio-economic development.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa 2020 - 2030</b>: to harness digital technologies and innovation to transform African societies and economies.</p> <p>⇒ <b>African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)</b>: Digital trade is part of trade and critical to boosting intra-Africa trade. 2021 Committee on Digital Trade.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AU Science and Technology Sector – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa 2020 – 2030 – <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></b></li> <li>• <b>AfCFTA Digital Trade – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> </ul>

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<p><b>FAO</b>  <a href="#">Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations</a></p>	<p>FAO supports <b>new technologies and digital agriculture</b> to create more sustainable agrifood systems.</p> <p>⇒ <b>FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31:</b> support farmers take full advantage of new technologies, digital agriculture, biotechnologies, precision agriculture, innovations in agro-ecology, 5G, and Artificial Intelligence to increase food production whilst respecting the environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FAO and EU Partnership</b> <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>Role of the FAO in the EU</b> - <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>FAO Science, Technology and Innovation</b> - <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>New FAO Strategic Framework 2022-2031:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>UNIDO</b>  <a href="#">United Nations Industrial Development Organization</a></p>	<p>In 2019, <b>UNIDO introduced a new approach resting on four pillars:</b> Innovation and digital infrastructure, digital skills, digital cooperation, partnerships.</p> <p>⇒ UNIDO mainstreams a <b>digital, gender-responsive</b>, sustainable transformation, upscaling of digital capabilities in developing countries.</p> <p>⇒ UNIDO is a particularly relevant partner to support the EU in achieving a <b>digital transition</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNIDO Digital transformation, innovation and industrial recovery</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>UNIDO Knowledge Hub:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training on <a href="#">e-Commerce</a></li> <li>• Training on <a href="#">Industry 4.0</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>UNIDO and EU State of the International Partnership</b> – <a href="#">Report 2021</a></li> </ul>

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<p><b>UNDP</b>  <a href="#">United nations Development Programme</a></p>	<p><b>UNDP</b> responds to the ever-changing <b>digital landscape</b>, using advancements in technology to deliver impact around the world.</p> <p>⇒ <b>UNDP Digital Strategy 2022-2025</b> accelerates the momentum that has already been generated across UNDP's partners. UNDP puts forth a long-term vision to create a world in which digital is an empowering force for people and planet.</p> <p>⇒ <b>DIGITAL X:</b> A Partnerships for Scale Programme designed to find, match, and connect ready-to-scale digital solutions with the urgent needs of UNDP Country Offices and governments in 170 countries.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Digital Development Compass:</b> Collection of publicly available data sets on digital indicators. The Compass is UNDP's latest tool supporting member states' with their digital transformation journeys. It aggregates and synthesizes digital development indicators from over 180 public data sources into interactive dashboards across the pillars of UNDP's digital transformation framework.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Digital Fitness Programme:</b> To bring together global best practices in digital with UNDP's unique capacity to deliver impact.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNDP Digital Strategy 2022-2025 – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b>DIGITAL X – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b>UNDP Digital Transformation Framework – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Digital Development Compass – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Digital Development Compass - <a href="#">IT Platform</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Digital Fitness Programme – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> </ul>

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<p><b>IFAD</b> <a href="#">International Fund for Agricultural Development</a></p>	<p>⇒ IFAD supports inclusive rural finance and <b>access to agricultural technology: Processes digitalization</b>, e-extension, e-commerce, agro-ecology.</p> <p>⇒ IFAD is leveraging <b>ICT4D Strategy</b> to accelerate development results: opportunities for integrating <b>digital technologies at the country level</b>.</p> <p>⇒ Digital technologies will have a special focus in <b>IFAD12</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IFAD and the EU: Partnering to transform rural realities</b> – <a href="#">Report 2022</a></li> <li>• IFAD's fifth Strategic Framework 2016-2025 – <a href="#">PDF Document</a></li> <li>• <b>IFAD12</b> – <a href="#">Report 2021</a></li> <li>• <b>IFAD's ICT4D strategy</b> – <a href="#">Join the group</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>UNCTAD</b> <a href="#">United Nations Conference on Trade and Development</a></p>	<p><b>UNCTAD</b> is committed to <b>enhance the capacities of developing countries</b> to harness the evolving <b>digital economy for more inclusive development</b>.</p> <p>⇒ <b>E-commerce and Digital Economy Programme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• research and analysis, consensus-building and technical cooperation, as well as convening partnerships and fostering stakeholder engagement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNCTAD E-commerce and the digital economy Sector</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>Digital Economy</b> – <a href="#">Report 2021</a></li> <li>• <b>E-commerce and digital Economy programme</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> </ul>

### 3. Digitalisation within OACPS Regional Private Sector-related Organisations

ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p><b>ECOWAS</b> <a href="#">Economic Community of West African States</a></p>	<p><b>ECOWAS</b> is actively involved in the <b>digital transformation</b> of the Region:</p> <p>⇒ <b>ECOWAS Vision 2050:</b> Guarantee access to <b>digital technology</b> and accelerate the transition towards digital solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECOWAS</b> supports the <b>digitalisation of the economy</b>, entrepreneurship, <b>science and technology</b> and structuring investments in growth sectors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECOWAS Infrastructure, Energy and Digitalisation</b>– <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>ECOWAS Vision 2050</b> – <a href="#">PDF Document</a></li> <li>• <b>ECOWAS 2021 Regional Infrastructure Master Plan</b> – <a href="#">PDF Document</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>ECCAS</b> <a href="#">Economic Community of Central African States</a></p>	<p><b>2021-2025 ECCAS Indicative Medium-term Strategic Plan</b></p> <p>⇒ The implementation of the axis of the Strategic Plan “<b>Creation of an environment favourable and of confidence to the digitalisation of postal services, telecommunications/ICT broadband and to the attraction of private investors</b>” aims to provide the ECCAS area with vital infrastructure underpinning the digital economy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2021-2025 ECCAS Indicative Medium-term Strategic Plan.</b> <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></li> </ul>

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<p><b>COMESA</b> <a href="#">Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa</a></p>	<p><b>COMESA programmes and Digitalisation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <b>2022-2024:</b> Enhancement of Governance and Enabling Environment in ICT. <b>(EGEE-ICT).</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Result 3:</b> Addressing the digital divide requires greater investment in ICT infrastructure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>⇒ <b>RIFF project is an Investment Financing Facility:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Component 3:</b> facilitate digital infrastructure and digital trading.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>COMESA Infrastructure and Logistics</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>EGEE-ICT</b> <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>RIFF</b> <a href="#">Web page</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>SADC</b> <a href="#">Southern African Development Community</a></p>	<p><b>Science, technology and digital transformation</b> are important pillars in the SADC Vision 2050.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SADC Industrial Development</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>SADC Vision 2050</b> – <a href="#">PDF Document</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>CEDA</b> <a href="#">Caribbean Export Development Agency</a></p>	<p><b>Caribbean Export high priorities:</b> women entrepreneurs, green economy transition, businesses transition to digital platforms and e-commerce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <b>Innovation in agricultural technology</b></li> <li>⇒ <b>Orange economy and digital revolution</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2021 CEDA Annual Results Report</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> </ul>

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<p><b>PIFS</b>  <a href="#">Pacific Island Forum Secretariat</a></p>	<p><b>PIFS priorities include:</b> Trade digitalisation, digital infrastructure and connectivity, reduce digital divide.</p> <p>⇒ <b>2020 – 2025 Pacific Aid for Trade Strategy (PAfTS).</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pacific Regional E-Commerce Strategy and Roadmap</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>PAfTS</b> - <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>SPC</b>  <a href="#">South Pacific Community</a></p>	<p><b>Digitalisation and new technologies</b> are key factors for the future development of the <b>Blue Pacific Region</b>, specifically focused on <b>climate change</b> impact.</p> <p>⇒ Satellite technology and <b>digital tools</b> help quantify <b>climate change impact</b> and drive solutions to the Pacific’s greatest challenges.</p> <p>⇒ Programme “<b>Digital Earth Pacific</b>”: operational earth and marine observation system to empower decision-makers across the Pacific. It provides <b>concise and analysed critical data and information</b> to support national, regional, and global commitments such as 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, Paris Agreement, and Sustainable Development Goals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SPC Digital Earth Pacific</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>⇒ <b>Programme Brochure</b> – <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></li> <li>• <b>Satellite technology and Digital tools</b> - <a href="#">Web Story</a></li> </ul>

#### 4. Digitalisation within the European Development Financial Institutions and Other European Bilateral DFIs

ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p><b>BELGIUM</b>  <a href="#">Belgian Investment Company For Developing Countries (BIO)</a></p>	<p><b>BIO and Digital development:</b> Digitalisation plays an important role in reaching the SDGs and catalyse companies' efficiency and effectiveness.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Digital Survey:</b> BIO did a comprehensive screening of its <b>financial institutions</b> on the strategic priorities and challenges on the <b>level of digitalisation</b>.</p> <p>⇒ <b>BIO Investment Strategy 2019-2023:</b> Digital technologies sector of investment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bio Digital Survey</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>BIO Investment Strategy 2019-2023</b></li> <li>• <b>BIO Development and Sustainability Report 2022</b> – <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></li> <li>• The incredible potential of Digitalisation – <a href="#">Impact Story</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>FINLAND</b>  <a href="#">FinnFund Development Financier and Impact Investor</a></p>	<p><b>FinnFund invests</b> on critical sectors for sustainable development: renewable energy, sustainable forestry, sustainable agriculture, <b>digital infrastructure and solutions</b>.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Finnfund's</b> investments in digital infrastructure were 61 million euros in 2021.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FinnFund Investment</b> <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>⇒ <b>Digital Infrastructure and solutions</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>GERMANY</b>  <a href="#">German Investment And Development Company (DEG)</a></p>	<p><b>DEG</b> is constantly increasing its commitment to digitalisation.</p> <p>⇒ <b>DEG promotes</b> digital start-ups in Africa, digital infrastructure, mobility and digitalisation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DEG Investment</b> - <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>⇒ Digital Start-ups in Africa – <a href="#">Web article</a></li> <li>• <b>DEG 2012 Sustainability Report</b></li> </ul>

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ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p><b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>  <a href="#">British International Investment (BII)</a></p>	<p><b>BII</b> invests in financing <b>digital transformation, digital infrastructure and digital business, digital supply chains.</b></p> <p>⇒ <b>BII New 5-years Strategy 2021-2026:</b> advancing digital technologies an solutions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BII New 5-years Strategy 2021-2026 - <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></b></li> <li>• <b>BII 2021 Annual Review - <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></b></li> </ul>
<p><b>NETHERLANDS</b>  <a href="#">FMO Entrepreneurial Development Bank</a></p>	<p><b>FMO</b> Inclusive Digital Financial Services.</p> <p>⇒ FMO invest in advanced and <b>innovative technologies.</b></p> <p>⇒ <b>FMO Venture Programme:</b> early-stage growth phase of entrepreneurs in fintech, agritech and energy access to foster the maturity of the venture capital ecosystem in emerging markets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FMO 2021 <a href="#">Annual Report</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Climate Action Plan 2030 – <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></b></li> <li>• <b>FMO Reporting Centre – <a href="#">Web page</a></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Risk Mitigation n the Digital Age – <a href="#">Web Article</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>NORWAY</b>  <a href="#">NORFUND</a></p>	<p><b>Norfund</b> invests in specialized in sectors such as <b>technologies</b>, infrastructure, education.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Norfund</b> also invests in <b>technology-driven financial institutions, renewable energies.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Norfund Investments – Financial Institutions – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Norfund Investment in renewable energies – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> </ul>

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<p><b>FRANCE</b> <a href="#">PROPARCO</a></p>	<p><b>Proparco</b> supports start-ups through investments in <b>technologies, digitalisation and diversification</b> in agriculture, gender, energy.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Digital Innovation:</b> Proparco is investing to support young African Start-ups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jango Capital Start-up Fund</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>Digital Innovation</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>AUSTRIA</b> <a href="#">OeEB Oesterreichische Entwicklungsbank</a></p>	<p><b>OeEB</b> invests in green and digital transitions by tackling also inequalities magnified by the crisis to create a more resilient and inclusive economy.</p> <p>⇒ <b>OeEB</b> is committed to climate protection and new technologies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OeEB Focus Sectors</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">OeEB Development Report 2020</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>DENMARK</b> <a href="#">IFU</a></p>	<p>IFU strengthens the transition to a greener and more resource efficient economy increasing for all new investments the possibility of <b>introducing new technologies</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IFU Development Impact</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>IFU projects and Investment</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> </ul>

## 5. Digitalisation within Development Financial Institutions – Multilateral DFI

ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p><b>AfDB</b> <a href="#">African Development Bank</a></p>	<p><b>AfDB</b> vision focuses on <b>agriculture and rural development</b> as a prime building block.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT)</b>: help the continent fulfil its enormous potential in the sector by employing high-impact technologies to boost output.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Africa Digital Financial Inclusion Facility (ADFI)</b> to address the systemic barriers to the growth and uptake of <b>digital financial services</b> by making strategic and catalytic investments in the ecosystem throughout Africa.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AfDB TAAT</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <b>TAAT Africa</b> - <a href="#">Website</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>FEED AFRICA</b> - Strategy for agricultural transformation 2016–2025. <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></li> <li>• <b>ADFI</b> <a href="#">Web page</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>EBRD</b> <a href="#">European Bank for Reconstruction and Development</a></p>	<p><b>EBRD supports private sector</b> to increase productivity and production of value added products also via the diffusion of innovative practices, <b>smart and digital agricultural innovation</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EBRD Agribusiness Sector</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> </ul>

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ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p><b>EIB</b> <a href="#">European Investment Bank</a></p>	<p><b>EIB support emerging technologies:</b> artificial intelligence, quantum computing, cutting-edge health solutions, and advanced manufacturing.</p> <p>⇒ EIB supports <b>digital economy</b> to <b>boost technological innovation</b> and to drive productivity growth. EIB is committed to supporting Europe’s growing data traffic by investing in <b>high-speed internet, mobile networks and cloud computing</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EIB Digital Economy Sector</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>EIB Projects</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>Financing digitalisation of SMEs.</b> The enabling role of digital innovation hubs - <a href="#">Report</a></li> <li>• <b>Finance in Africa. Digital Financial Services</b> – 2021 <a href="#">EIB Publication</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>WBG</b> <a href="#">World Bank Group</a></p>	<p><b>WBG</b> provides knowledge and financing to help close the <b>global digital divide</b>, and make sure countries can take full advantage of the <b>ongoing Digital Development revolution:</b></p> <p>⇒ Digital Data Infrastructure and Platforms, Broadband Connectivity and Access, Digital for Climate, Digital Trust and Safeguards, ICT Industry Development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WBG Digital Development</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <b>Digital Development projects Map</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>WBG Digital Development Global Practice</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>DIGITAL ACCESS: The Future of Financial Inclusion in Africa</b> – <a href="#">Report</a></li> </ul>

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ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p><b>ADB</b> <a href="#">Asian Development Bank</a></p>	<p><b>ADB</b> supports more investment in policy, regulations, infrastructure, capacity and skills on digital <b>technology to effectively boost development.</b></p> <p>⇒ <b>Digital infrastructure, digital technology industries</b>, digital technology start-ups, digital services in areas such as education, finance, governance, and health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ADB Digital Technology Sector</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>ADB Digital Technology Policies and Strategies</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>CDB</b> <a href="#">Caribbean Development Bank</a></p>	<p><b>CDB's supports Digitalisation.</b> Within the Strategic Plan 2020-224, one of the most important guiding priority is Impact and Digital Transformation.</p> <p>⇒ The <b>Strategic Plan presents some digital solutions</b> and Digital and financial inclusion for women as suppliers in value chains and as entrepreneurs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CDB Strategic Plan 2020-2024</b> – <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></li> <li>• <b>CDB Private Sector Development Policy and Strategy</b> – <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></li> </ul>

## 6. Digitalisation in other Private Sector Development Initiatives

ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>European Commission  <b>DG INTPA</b>  <a href="#">Directorate-General International Partnerships</a></p>	<p><b>EU PROGRAMME 2021 / 2027</b></p> <p><b>Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) – Global Europe:</b> new EU instrument to support International cooperation. It simplifies and consolidates previously existing financial instruments for EU’s development cooperation.</p> <p>⇒ <b>EFSD+</b> is the core element of NDICI instrument and supports <b>private sector (more info in the next slide)</b>.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Thematic Multi-annual Indicative Programmes (MIPs):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Challenges’ thematic programme: <b>Digital Transformation</b> is one of the main priorities (<b>Priority 3 Prosperity</b>).</li> </ul> <p>⇒ <b>Geographic Multi-annual Indicative Programmes (MIPs):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sub-Saharan Africa:</b> Priority Area 4 Digital, Technology and Innovation.</li> <li><b>Asia and Pacific:</b> Priority to the Digital Agenda.</li> <li><b>Americas and Caribbean:</b> Priority area 2 Digital transformation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">NDICI Global Europe Regulation</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">About the NDICI programme</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">NDICI Global Europe Factsheet 2021</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Funding Opportunities</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">How to Apply</a></li> <li>• <b>NDICI - MIPs</b> <a href="#">Multiannual Implementing Plans</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Sub-Saharan Africa MIP</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Asia and Pacific MIP</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Americas and Caribbean MIP</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Global Challenges’ MIP</b> – <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></li> </ul>

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<p>European Commission</p> <p><a href="#">DG INTPA</a></p> <p><a href="#">Directorate-General International Partnerships</a></p>	<p><b>EU PROGRAMME 2021 / 2027</b></p> <p><b>European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+)</b> - the core element of NDICI instrument and supports <b>private sector</b>.</p> <p>⇒ EFSD+ is part of the <b>EU's investment framework for external action</b>. It ensures world-wide coverage for <b>blending, guarantees and other financial operations</b>. It is included in the EU's long-term budget programme for external action: <b>Global Europe – NDICI</b>.</p> <p>⇒ EFSD+ raises <b>financial resources for sustainable development</b> from the private sector for inclusive economic development. It will <b>support investment</b> in <b>partner countries</b> to promote decent job creation, strengthen public and private infrastructure, foster <b>renewable energy</b> and sustainable agriculture, and support the <b>digital economy</b>.</p> <p>⇒ <b>The investment programmes are implemented through two main paths:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In partnership with European Investment Bank (<b>EIB</b>), providing €26.7 billion guarantee for financing to support investments in sectors such as clean energy, digital, green infrastructure and health.</li> <li>• Through sectoral windows amounting to €13 billion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EFSD+ <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b>EFSD+ Guarantee – <a href="#">EIB Web page</a></b></li> </ul>

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<p><b>European Commission</b>  <a href="#">DG INTPA</a>  <a href="#">Directorate-General</a>  <a href="#">International Partnerships</a></p>	<p><b>EU PROGRAMME – 2019 / 2025 first phase</b></p> <p><b>DeSIRA - Development Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture.</b></p> <p>⇒ The programme contributes to climate-relevant, productive and sustainable transformation of <b>agriculture and food systems</b> in low and middle-incomes countries. <b>Digitalisation and new technologies</b> are at the core of multiple DeSIRA-funded projects.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Implementing organisations:</b> European research organisations, international research organisations, regional and national research organisations, development agencies of Member States.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DeSIRA</b> <a href="#">Homepage on Capacity4Dev</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">List of the DeSIRA projects</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>European Commission</b>  <b>Funded programme</b></p>	<p><b>EU PROGRAMME – 2021 / 2023</b></p> <p><b>DIGILOGIC</b> is a <b>EU-funded programme</b> that stimulates the unleashing of innovation potential through the first <b>Pan EU-Africa</b> sustainable network of Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) focussing on <b>smart logistic</b>.</p> <p>⇒ The programme aims to <b>boost the cooperation</b> and strategic partnership between <b>European and African Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs)</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DIGILOGIC</b> <a href="#">Homepage on Capavity4Dev</a></li> <li>• <b>DIGILOGIC – <a href="#">Website</a></b></li> <li>• <b>DIHs – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> </ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OACPS</b>  <a href="#">Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific State</a></p>	<p><b>EU-OACPS PROGRAMME</b></p> <p><b>OACPS Research and Innovation (R&amp;I) Programme:</b> Focus on strengthening R&amp;I capacity in ACP countries and unlocking their innovation potential.</p> <p><b>Three-pronged strategic approach:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <b>Innovation Fund</b> to foster a conducive R&amp;I environment;</li> <li>⇒ <b>Policy Support Facility (PSF)</b> to enhance the quality and efficiency of R&amp;I systems;</li> <li>⇒ Web portal to <b>cross-fertilise knowledge</b> and experiences among key stakeholders.</li> <li>⇒ The web portal <b>InnovationXChange</b> is a platform that brings together researchers, innovators, policy-makers, academics, civil society and journalists to <b>exchange knowledge, skills and good practices</b> on current and emerging R&amp;I topics to accelerate the changes needed for a sustainable and resilient world.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OACPS R&amp;I Programme</b> - <a href="#">Website</a></li> <li>• <b>OACPS R&amp;I Programme Brochure</b> – <a href="#">Pdf Document</a></li> <li>• <b>Innovation Fund</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>Policy Support Facility</b> - <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>Web Portal</b> <a href="#">InnovationXChange</a></li> </ul>

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<p>EU <a href="#">European Union</a> and AU <a href="#">African Union</a></p>	<p><b>EU INITIATIVE</b></p> <p>The European Commission and the Commission of the African Union launched an <b>EU-AU Digital Economy Task Force</b> in December 2018.</p> <p>⇒ The Task Force was launched in line with the <b>New EU-Africa Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs</b> and as part of the <b>High-Level Forum Africa-Europe: Taking cooperation to the digital age</b>.</p> <p>⇒ EU aims to build <b>strategic international partnerships and lead international negotiations on digital</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Example of digital partnership with the African Union (AU):</b> In 2019, the <b>EU-AU Digital Economy Task Force</b> drafted a report on creating a digital economy partnership between the two continents, resulting in the creation of the <b>EU-AU Partnership on Digital Transformation</b> and the <b>EU-AU Data Flagship</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EU-AU Digital Economy Task Force</b> – <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>Digital Transformations opportunities for Africa</b> - <a href="#">Web page</a></li> <li>• <b>Africa-Europe Digital Economy Partnership</b> – <a href="#">Report</a></li> <li>• <b>EU-funded initiative “AfricaConnect”</b> - <a href="#">Website</a></li> </ul>

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<p><b>EU-Africa</b></p>	<p><b>EU INITIATIVE</b></p> <p><b>EU-Africa: Global Gateway Investment Package</b></p> <p>⇒ The <b>Global Gateway Africa – Europe Investment Package</b> aims to support Africa for a strong, inclusive, green and <b>digital recovery</b> and transformation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Global Gateway Investment Package – <a href="#">Web page</a></b></li> <li>• <b><a href="#">Global Gateway Investment Package Brochure</a></b></li> </ul>
<p><b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b><a href="#">DG INTPA</a></b></p> <p><b><a href="#">Directorate-General International Partnerships</a></b></p>	<p><b>EU KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM</b></p> <p><b>CAPACITY4DEV:</b> The European Commission’s knowledge sharing platform for International Cooperation and Development.</p> <p>⇒ Within the Platform, <b>digitalisation and new technologies</b> cover a wide range of issues relevant to private sector development: climate change, water, land, territorial development, innovation, commodities, livestock, SPS, access to markets, agriculture, etc.</p> <p>⇒ It provides <b>access to essential reading materials</b> on these themes, EC practical tools, seminar contents, links to partners and experts in the field.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capacity4Dev <a href="#">Homepage</a></b></li> <li>• Platform <a href="#">registration</a></li> </ul>

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<p><b>UNCTAD</b> United Nations <a href="#">Conference on Trade and Development</a></p>	<p><b>INITIATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP</b></p> <p><b>eTrade for all</b> is a <b>multi-stakeholder initiative</b> committed to making the <b>digital economy more inclusive</b>.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Information hub</b> on the <b>various resources available to facilitate developing countries' journey to e-commerce</b>.</p> <p>⇒ It strives to advance the dialogue on the development <b>impacts of digital transformation</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>eTrade for all</b> – <a href="#">Website</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">eTrade for all partnership</a></li> </ul>
	<p><b>INITIATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP</b></p> <p><b>eTrade for women</b> combines the transformative power of women entrepreneurship with the positive impact of digital technologies.</p> <p>⇒ The Platform supports <b>women digital entrepreneurs</b> from developing countries to help them thrive as business leaders, and emerge as an influential voice in the public policy debate.</p> <p>⇒ eTrade for Women benefits from the financial support of Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Sweden and is implemented in collaboration with eTrade for all partners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>eTrade for women</b> – <a href="#">Website</a></li> <li>• eTrade for women - <a href="#">Masterclass</a></li> </ul>