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UNDP is the leading United Nations organization fighting to end the injustice of poverty, inequality, and climate change. Working with our broad network of experts and partners in 170 countries, we help nations to build integrated, lasting solutions for people and planet. UNDP’s Regional Programme for Africa contributes to regional development by addressing challenges facing the continent and amplifying opportunities related to the priorities and aspirations defined by the African Union and other regional entities.

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Resource Mobilization trend 2018-2021

- **Core resources**
  - 2018: $14.2M
  - 2019: $22.8M
  - 2020: $26.0M
  - 2021: $26.3M
  - **Total Core resources**: $88.8M

- **Non-Core resources**
  - 2018: $13.3M
  - 2019: $30.7M
  - 2020: $58.8M
  - 2021: $91.1M
  - **Total Non-Core resources**: $262.8M

- **Total resources**
  - 2018: $283.2M
  - 2019: $89.5M
  - 2020: $84.8M
  - 2021: $117.4M

**2021 Delivery**

- Successful audit
- New 4-year strategy developed

**2021 Donors**: 14
31 projects and initiatives

585,344 people reached

170 knowledge products

200+ partners

200 SMEs supported

35 auditors certified to promote gender equality

4 podcast episodes produced

21 African Young Women Leaders graduated

400,000 people received COVID-19 education and support

300,000 testing labs integrated for safe travel

1,000 infrastructures rebuilt in the Lake Chad Basin
Africa is a continent of great hope. Its steady economic growth, critical investments in infrastructure and technology, and continuing policy reforms bode well for a promising future. The continent came together during the worst of the pandemic and started to bounce back much stronger and faster than anticipated.

Regional approaches to the COVID-19 vaccine famine, environmental protection, and trade disruptions made the difference. Meaningful regional integration is charting a more secure, safer and fairer future for all Africans, regardless of gender, creed or ethnicity.

This is why UNDP’s flagship Regional Programme for Africa is so important. It promotes regional approaches to capitalize upon the continent’s boundless opportunities and responds to persistent challenges such as violent conflict, weak governance institutions, persistent inequalities, and climate change.

Through this landmark programme, UNDP is able to reinforce the priorities and aspirations of Africa as articulated by the African Union and other regional entities.

The year 2021 marked the end of our 2018–2021 programming cycle. Throughout those four years, the Regional Programme worked alongside our partners, including the African Union Commission, Regional Economic Communities, and sub-regional bodies in the Sahel, Lake Chad Basin, Southern Africa and Horn of Africa to support African countries as they made progress towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

This Regional Programme Annual Report 2021 describes the results of 31 regional initiatives and projects and shows our scope and financial standing throughout 2021. Through programmatic investments, generating knowledge, strengthening policy, building capacity, promoting dialogue and providing catalytic resources, we reached thousands of people across the continent, helping them to achieve their goals and priorities for the regions, countries and communities.

Guided by the programme’s three pillars — peace, resilience and inclusive growth — we were able to cement UNDP’s position as Africa’s premier development institution of choice.

In 2021, we established the Africa Borderlands Centre, which targets and empowers marginalized populations with tailored solutions and opportunities; we rolled out the Gender Equality Seal in public and private institutions to promote accountability for gender equality and women’s empowerment; and, together with partners, we extended the Regional Stabilization Facility for the Lake Chad to the Liptako-Gourma regions as a validation of UNDP’s transformational approach to

Foreword

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stabilization. Africa’s aspiration towards a single market through the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area was also effectively supported.

As a strategic tool of UNDP’s Regional Bureau for Africa, the Regional Programme operates as an integrated continental coordination mechanism, linking regional, subregional and country development planning processes for greater effectiveness and results. It also capitalizes upon new opportunities for cooperation, inclusiveness and innovation.

Together with you, our partners, we are telling a different story about Africa than the one that is so often told. It is a story that Africans have known was true all along. It is a story of promise.

Thank you for your partnership over the past year, and we look forward to closer collaboration in the years ahead, to fulfill Africa’s immense promise.

Ahunna Eziakonwa
UN Assistant Secretary-General
Assistant Administrator and Director,
Regional Bureau for Africa (RBA)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Introduction

At UNDP’s Regional Programme for Africa, we share in the vision of a thriving Africa where people live in peace, freedom and collective prosperity.
Our 2021 annual report captures a year of impact, growth and results, rounding off a four-year vision of adaptability and innovation.

Africans are not fragile. They are doing the hard, daily work of building peace and prosperity. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the UNDP Regional Programme for Africa supported community groups to pool resources, resolve local disputes, preserve the environment, and protect the health and safety of even the most vulnerable. Companies and business associations are recognizing the big positive impact they can have. They are going green, and they are taking gender equality seriously.

Dedicated public servants in government, legislatures, the African Union, the Regional Economic Communities, and other institutions are continually improving the workings of government. They do the complex work of making sure schools have teachers and books, clinics are equipped, roads are smooth, and streets are safe.

The work is hard. All countries face the growing ravages of climate change. Violence and conflict beset some societies, harming women and young people especially. Diseases break out and spread. And, despite their best work, people in some places are lacking the tools and skills they need to run a health system or protect against disasters.

These are just some of the obstacles facing the continent’s 1.4 billion people. And yet they go onward, with a love of their communities, an appreciation of their histories, and a vision of a thriving Africa where people live in peace, freedom and collective prosperity.

At UNDP’s Regional Programme for Africa, we share in that vision. And we join with partners who are seeking to realize it. This report outlines our:

- **Methods**: How we generate knowledge, support systems, build skills, facilitate exchange and provide resources.
- **Outcomes**: What results we achieved in the areas of resilience, peace and inclusive and sustainable growth.
- **Principles**: How we practice our principles of partnership, gender equality, risk preparedness, innovation and sustainability.

As we look back on four years of progress to go forward with confidence, you will discover how the Regional Programme for Africa serves as a centre for learning, exchange and action for partners in this work. We hope you’ll join us.
Based at the Regional Service Centre for Africa (RSCA) in Addis Ababa, the Regional Programme works closely with the AU, Regional Economic Communities (RECs)/Regional Mechanisms (RMs) and other regional actors and partners across the continent. Supporting the Regional Bureau for Africa in New York, we also collaborate and coordinate with UNDP sub-regional hubs in Dakar, Nairobi and Pretoria, and their thematic mandates in stabilization, resilience and financing enabling us to engage directly with society, governments and partners on joint priorities.

**Collaboration with regional institutions**
- Collaboration with 21 African Union Commission offices
- 7 projects with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- 5 projects with the Southern African Development Community (SADC)
- 4 projects with the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)
- 4 projects with the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

**Project implementation at the national level**
- **Addis Ababa** Governance · Youth · Gender Equality · Climate change · COVID-19 response · Conflict prevention · Social protection · Free trade · Inclusive transitions · Health
- **Dakar** Youth · Stabilization · Disaster risk reduction · Governance · Sahel
- **Nairobi** Borderlands · Digital transformation · Climate change · Disaster risk reduction · Resilience · Human mobility
- **Pretoria** Private sector · South-South Cooperation
Overview of the Regional Programme

See the project specification on page 36.
The following pages present the work of the UNDP Regional Programme for Africa in 2021. Our results are organized according to the outcomes described in our Regional Programme for Document 2018-2021, and are also aligned with the UNDP Strategic Plan and Regional Bureau for Africa’s Strategic Offer for Africa.

### Priority Area 1
AU and RECs deliver on their mandate, especially cross-cutting issues related to resilience-building.

### Priority Area 2
Regional growth is inclusive, transformational and sustainable with reduced economic inequalities, and characterized by structural transformation.

### Priority Area 3
Regional institutions sustain peace and build resilience to crises and shocks.

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6 Impact Areas of the Regional Bureau for Africa

- Natural Resource Governance
- Youth and Women's Employment and Empowerment
- Structural Economic Transformation
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- Affordable and Sustainable Energy
- Peace and Security

3 Outcomes of the UNDP Strategic Plan

- Accelerate structural transformations for sustainable development
- Build resilience to shocks and crisis
- Eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions
Methods

The Regional Programme works with governments, organizations and communities to build peace and prosperity in Africa. It’s big, complex work that requires big, bold action at scale.

This section describes how we do what we do using five broad methods: we generate knowledge, support systems, build skills, facilitate exchange and provide resources.

EXCHANGE

Publications, platforms and conferences: The Regional Programme helps create forums for African citizens, institutions and partners to share their collective wisdom. These forums take the shape of reports, toolkits, workshops, dialogues, and digital and real-life platforms. For example, we co-organized a hackathon, published reports on social protection, created pandemic action plans, produced a guidebook for small and medium-sized enterprises, and hosted conferences or supported sessions on gender diversity, climate action and peace and security.
**KNOWLEDGE**

**Research and analysis:** Governments and regional actors need to clearly understand the opportunities and obstacles they face so they can create the best solutions for the most people. That means they need reliable data and keen insight. Through research, data collection, needs assessments and consultations, UNDP’s regional data analysts, economists and policy analysts – some of the world’s leading global and regional experts on sustainable development – help our partners clearly understand what they have, what they need, and how to connect the two for maximum impact.

**SYSTEMS**

**Policy frameworks:** For any machine to run, all the parts must be in place and work together in a system. The same principle holds true for the ‘machinery’ of government to function in education, health, safety and beyond. The Regional Programme works with governments and institutions to help them create systems that serve the people. Those systems go by many names, whether it’s “framework,” “mechanism,” or “strategy.” By providing support to create and maintain systems, we are helping public institutions work better for all people.

**SKILLS**

**Training:** To create policy, maintain public safety, lead a programme, start a business, secure financing for development projects, or do anything else in public service, it takes skills. The Regional Programme trains public government officials, young people, women leaders, and others in the skills they need to drive progress for their families, their countries and their continent.

**RESOURCES**

**Funding, equipment and jobs:** To maximize our impact, we complement our technical support with financial support, equipment, tools and jobs. For example, we rebuilt more than a thousand pieces of physical infrastructure such as roads, bridges and markets in the Lake Chad Basin region. We supplied thousands of households with agricultural equipment. We provided cash-for-work opportunities to over 5,000 women and young people. And we supported local cooperatives to produce over 100,000 affordable face masks.
“Throughout Africa, people are looking inward for the innovations that will move the continent forward. We are looking ahead, to anticipate the needs of the next generations and envision a better future. And we are looking to each other, to build the communities, the countries and the continent that we all know are possible.”

Dr. Ahmed Ogwell Ouma,
Acting Director,
Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
January
New partnership to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the African Union

February
Africa Borderlands Centre launched to empower and elevate borderland communities

March
Through the Pandemic report captures Africa’s innovative continental strategy against COVID-19

April
Maximizing opportunities for women in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

May
Trade for Peace: strengthening peacebuilding and social cohesion for cross-border communities

June
Launch of the Africa Leading the 4th Industrial Revolution (AL4IR) initiative to drive the responsible adoption and use of emerging technologies

July
Advancing gender equality and women’s empowerment in Africa through the Gender Equality Seal

August
Extension of the Regional Stabilization Facility (RSF) for the Boko Haram-affected areas of the Lake Chad Basin region

September
Report: scaling up Made-in-Africa solutions through good practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation

October
Young people at the YouthConnect Africa Summit call for more conducive and inclusive policies for Africa’s prosperity

November
African Union podcast series connects young people with Africa’s thought leaders and influencers in the public and private sectors

December
Understanding the AfCFTA: a guide for small and medium-sized enterprises in the ECOWAS region
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AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA (AFCFTA)

Multi-faceted support on fulfilling the inclusive and sustainable growth opportunities the AfCFTA presents to governments, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Support to the implementation of the AfCFTA included the following: Dialogues and trainings for 200 SMEs across Africa. An Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) guide for SMEs. Support by the UNDP Economist Programme to mainstream the AfCFTA in 14 member states, such as through women’s consultations in Mauritius and Niger and a policy dialogue in the Central African Republic. AfCFTA orientation clinics for over 1,000 people in more than 20 UNDP Country Offices, many of which are developing projects to support women and youth exporters to seize opportunities in the integrated African market.

AFRICAN UNION TREATIES AND ENTITIES

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Strong support for disaster management capacity in countries and regions. For example, in Mauritania, a needs assessment that led to the establishment of a national emergency response system. In Senegal, support for a procedural manual and management plan for disaster management centres. Support for the establishment of two new disaster operation centres in Addis Ababa (with the AUC) and Nairobi (with IGAD), which will monitor hazards and issue early warnings for drought, flood, pests, extreme rainfall and food insecurity. This initiative is a big step towards a continental multi-hazard early warning system (MHEWS).

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Support from the UNDP Economist Programme for 20 countries to prepare national development plans, Voluntary National Reviews, and SDG monitoring and reporting systems. Workshop on resilience and borderlands development in the Horn of Africa, in partnership with IGAD. Support to Kenya to complete its national strategy and investment plan on REDD+ deforestation and forest management. Landmark report on nearly 40 UNDP-supported African development solutions in Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Scaling up Made-in-Africa Solutions.

FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Broad support for governments on Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs), a framework for financing national sustainable development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals at the country level. Support included a three-day training on INFFs for 450 government officials from 49 countries, organized by the Africa Sustainable Finance Hub with partners across the UN. The training marked the start of a series of South-South peer-exchange webinars marked the start of a series of South-South peer-exchange webinars on specialized INFF topics. Further support for the INFF.org learning platform and production of videos on INFF innovations in Cabo Verde, Gabon, Nigeria and Tanzania.
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**YOUTH**

Technical and financial support for the YouthConnekt Africa Summit in Ghana, with 3,000 in-person delegates and 1,400 online participants representing 66 nationalities. Launch of new YouthConnekt chapters in Botswana, Chad, Eswatini, Mauritania and Niger, bringing the total number of national chapters to 25. Support for a communique by 60 young people from key populations in Angola, Madagascar, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe, demanding urgent action on HIV/AIDS.

**GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT**

Roll-out of the Gender Equality Seal for Public Institutions in four Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanisms, namely ECCAS, ECOWAS, IGAD, and SADC. Certification of 35 new auditors for the Gender Equality Seal in the Private Sector, including some who initiated reviews of companies in Rwanda, Uganda and beyond. The Seal enables entities to track and meet gender equality goals. Inauguration of 10 women parliamentarians in the Sahel as Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Ambassadors to champion the WPS agenda at national and community levels. Training for 21 participants of the African Young Women Leaders Fellowship Programme, who then undertook year-long fellowship assignments in 20 UNDP Country Offices across Africa.
Cross-cutting support on diverse aspects of climate action. Support for three delegates from the Africa Group of Negotiators to attend the COP26 climate conference in Scotland. Support for the government of Ghana to conduct a second Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review. Training for 44 public officials in Eswatini on climate “budget tagging” to record public expenditures on climate to meet reporting requirements and make green transition policies. Studies on renewable energy access with Djibouti, Eritrea and Somalia to support the UN’s renewable energy strategy for the Horn of Africa.

Support for 44 sub-Saharan countries to raise the ambitions of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Support for governments, civil society and regional economic entities in 31 sub-Saharan countries to deliver outcomes on HIV, health and development, reaching over 400,000 people with COVID-19 education, vaccine delivery and emergency support. Publication of the Training Manual for Resilient and Sustainable Food Value Chain Development in Africa. Trainings on greening the food value chain for east, west and southern Africa (in partnership with Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, or AGRA).

Action to support countries and regions in the ongoing pandemic. Support for PanaBIOS, a digital platform innovated by AfroChampions integrating 300,000 labs globally and adopted by the African Union and 19 member states to promote safe travel. Support for the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) to respond to COVID-19. At the UN General Assembly, a high-level side event for African leaders on how to stimulate economies when emerging from the pandemic.
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**LAKE CHAD BASIN**

Regional stabilization programming is increasingly becoming UNDP’s corporate approach to undertaking development in crisis. Support for countries across the Lake Chad Basin (LCB) region included the following: Adoption of 18 joint action plans for stabilization of target areas of Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria. Cash-for-work projects supporting 5,000 people (40% women) in Cameroon and Chad. Across LCB countries, agricultural equipment for 3,500 households and rebuilding of 1,000 pieces of infrastructure to provide basic services and livelihoods. Regional support for the establishment of the Lake Chad Basin Civil Society Organizations Network on Inclusive Reintegration, the first chapter of the Peace by Africa network. The established proof of concept in the Lake Chad led to an expansion of UNDP’s stabilization approach to the Liptako-Gourma Authority region, and in northern Mozambique.

**BORDERLANDS**

270 million African citizens living in borderland communities across the continent could catalyze Africa’s development. Therefore, the Regional Programme through the Africa Borderlands Centre provided financial support, market infrastructure, and research and analysis for borderlands communities in and across Burkina Faso, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger and Sierra Leone. In the Mano River Union, we also provided critical resources to support communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**THE SAHEL**

Five policy and advocacy papers to support the United Nations Integrated Strategy for the Sahel (UNISS), including an assessment of UN investments in the region. In 2021, the Sahel Offer was also launched by RBA as UNDP’s contribution to the implementation of UNISS in the areas of governance, climate and youth.
PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO VIOLENT EXTREMISM (PVE)

UNDP’s Regional PVE Project takes a development approach. Through this project, we help prevent violent extremism, reduce recruitment and support the rehabilitation and reintegration of former members of violent extremist groups. Participation of women in these projects in 2021 was typically 25% or more and is becoming more gender-equal over time. Examples of PVE work include the following: In Chad, training and security equipment for 10 local community safety committees to resolve conflicts and act as early-warning bodies. In Kenya, training for counsellors, mentors and others on re-integrating former combatants, in partnership with the National Counterterrorism Centre. In Morocco, training for penitentiary administration officials on PVE in prison.

In Sudan, PVE support for staff of national counterterrorism commission. In Tanzania, training for nearly 600 police officers on community policing, conflict, radicalization and violent extremism.

CLIMATE SECURITY

Mapping of women and youth livelihoods groups in Kenya, to identify participants for a livelihoods project addressing water stress and scarcity, in partnership with the National Drought Management Authority. Financial and technical support for youth and women’s participation in the seventh Devolution Conference in Kenya, to show their innovations on climate action.

GOVERNMENT TRANSITIONS

Missions by teams of experts to support inclusive development in countries undergoing government transitions, including Chad, Tanzania and The Gambia. Launch of a flagship research project to examine the drivers and processes shaping political transition across 10 country settings. The forthcoming AU-UNDP Africa Facility to Support Inclusive Transitions (AFSIT), in partnership with REC/RMs, the UN system and other key regional and national stakeholders, will support countries going through or at risk of Unconstitutional Changes of Government to peacefully navigate pathways to more stable democratic development, with a specific focus on ensuring the inclusion of women, young people and other marginalized groups.
At the Regional Programme for Africa, we want to have a big impact, and we want it to last. To deliver results, we put our most cherished principles into practice every day. Among our greatest principles are partnership, gender equality, risk readiness, digitalization, innovation and sustainability.
EQUAL IS BETTER

In Africa and around the world, women and girls face discrimination, prejudice, violence and exploitation. This harms women and girls most directly, of course, but it also deprives men and boys of the fruits of a gender-equal society. Gender equality and women’s empowerment is a top priority for the Regional Programme. Here is what we’re doing:

- Maintaining a gender balance at all levels of UNDP staff.
- Ensuring women’s participation at all levels of every project.
- Conducting projects that focus explicitly on women and gender equality.
- Having gender experts consult on project design and implementation.
- Gathering project data disaggregated by sex to find the best ways to ensure equality.
- Applying a gender lens in all our research, analysis and recommendations.
- Supporting countries to ratify the AU’s Maputo Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa.
- Sharing our findings on gender equality.

The more that women and girls are involved in efforts for peace, health, security, jobs and every other area of development, the better those efforts are. At UNDP, we are committed to fostering gender equality.

READY FOR ANYTHING

The pandemic gave still more evidence of the ever-changing nature of the world. At all levels of UNDP, we do extensive risk analysis and planning. That way, we are always ready to deliver, come what may.

When pandemic restrictions were imposed, we rapidly shifted our work online. As COVID-19 continued on its deadly path, we redirected funds to respond to the crisis and support long-term development.

We always prepare for security threats, train project partners on safety measures, and stand ready to monitor human rights. Still, the work we do has its risks. We anticipate as many of those risks as we can, and we strive to be adaptable and respond effectively to those we can’t.
LASTING RESULTS

The Regional Programme takes on the toughest challenges in Africa. The best way we know of to make our impact sustainable is to build it into the lives of the countries where we work. That means helping to create better policies, upgrade government systems, and build institutional capacities.

You will see this approach in all our partnerships. It’s why we work with countries to ratify African Union treaties, help governments create climate budgeting systems, or partner with Regional Economic Communities to advance gender equality in the private sector.

In all this work, we are supporting communities today, even as we help build systems that will support people for many years to come.

ALWAYS INNOVATING

At UNDP, innovation is not a one-time proposition. It’s an ongoing opportunity to find new ways of delivering results.

Sometimes the innovation is technological. For example, the Regional Programme launched a flagship initiative on Africans Leading the Fourth Industrial Revolution through the UNDP Resilience Hub based in Nairobi, Kenya. We supported digital solutions proposed by young entrepreneurs, and we launched the Sahel Conversation on SparkBlue, UNDP’s online community engagement platform.

Other times innovation is a fresh solution to a pressing challenge. Drawing on ideas from indigenous communities, the Africa Borderlands Centre worked with Country Offices and Accelerator Labs to promote informal cross-border trade.

Whether it’s in community dialogues, online platforms, or innovation challenges, we are always looking to identify and support the most promising innovations. UNDP’s Digital Strategy will continue to guide the Regional Programme in enabling countries to build inclusive, ethical and sustainable digital societies.

PARTNERSHIP IS POWERFUL

The challenges facing Africa are great. But people in partnership are greater. In everything we do, the Regional Programme for Africa fosters collaboration with governments, civil society, the private sector and other UN agencies.

To make these partnerships the most effective they can be, we use all our resources. We create online platforms, organize public forums and provide operations support from our Country Offices, our Regional Hubs in Dakar, Nairobi and Pretoria, and our Regional Service Centre in Addis Ababa.

In these and in the thousands of smaller exchanges that we take part in every day, we are always looking for ways to connect people to support peace and prosperity in Africa.
Among our central partners are the African Union and the Regional Economic Communities. In 2021, we also partnered with dozens of entities in all sectors, and across UNDP teams and projects in all areas, such as gender, climate and health.
Partnerships

Uber
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Sonatel/Orange Group
Satguru Travel
Relax Voyages
Planete Tours
Microsoft
MFS Africa
Insurance and Risk Financing Facility
Entrepreneurs du Cameroun
Groupement inter professionnel des
Google
Global Négoces
Ezone Electronics
Equality Now
Elton Oil Company
Ecobank
Revolution, Rwanda
Center for the 4th Industrial
Communication
Center for Behavioral Change and
Busara Center
African Tourism and Film Association
Group
African Technology and Creative
Africa Investor
AeTrade
African Forum and Network on Debit and Development
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Digital Frontiers Institute
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GenU
Global Partnership on Sustainable Development Data
Initiatives for Media Development
Development Data
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Human Rights Observatory in Far North of Cameroon
ICAN
iDOVE
IMMAP
Impact Initiatives
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- $2.8m AfDB
- $2.6m MPTF
- $2m Japan
- $1.5m IFAD
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