



*“[The Digital Partnership] will start with a \$25 million initial investment to improve partner countries’ digital connectivity and expand opportunities for U.S. technology exports. The U.S. will support communications infrastructure development through technical assistance and public-private partnerships; promote market-driven digital regulatory policies; and build partners’ cybersecurity capacity to address common threats.*

*We do this because we recognize the tremendous economic and social benefits that come with an open, secure, and reliable internet.”*

**- Secretary of State Pompeo**

## Overview

The Digital Connectivity and Cybersecurity Partnership (‘Digital Partnership’) is a multi-year, whole of government effort to promote an open, interoperable, secure, and reliable Internet.

By catalyzing economically sustainable and secure private sector network investments, promoting regulatory reforms and encouraging adoption of cyber security best practices, this initiative will provide a credible alternative to top-down, authoritarian approaches to internet and ICT development, and enable nations to realize the tremendous economic benefit of the digital economy.

## Objectives of the Digital Partnership

**BUILD CONNECTIONS:** Expand and increase secure Internet access in targeted emerging markets.

**ADVANCE AN OPEN INTERNET:** Work with partner countries to adopt policies and regulatory positions that encourage open, interoperable, reliable and secure Internet

**GROW GLOBAL MARKETS:** Promote exports of U.S. ICT goods and services and increase U.S. company market share in target markets.

**ENHANCE CYBERSECURITY:** Work with partner countries to build cybersecurity capabilities and adopt best practices.

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# The Digital Connectivity & Cybersecurity Partnership

## U.S. Government Digital Partnership Support Tools

- **DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT**
  - Bilateral and multilateral dialogues on digital economy and cybersecurity best practices
  - Advocacy for U.S. businesses
- **CAPACITY, TRAINING, AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY**
  - Cybersecurity capacity building
  - Investment climate and market competition
  - Improved regulatory practices, universal service, and ICT utilization
  - Procurement best practices and reform
- **FACILITATE PUBLIC-PRIVATE ENGAGEMENT THROUGH “AMERICA CONNECTS”**
  - Reverse trade missions
  - Trade shows
  - Advocacy for U.S. business
- **PROJECT DESIGN AND FINANCING**
  - Feasibility studies
  - Technical assistance
  - Loans/financing
  - Loan guarantees
  - Political risk insurance

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