



UNITED NATIONS TECHNOLOGY BANK
FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

**DELIVERING THE 2030 AGENDA IN
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
THROUGH TECHNOLOGY**

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES



WHY?

The deployment of new technologies is essential for achieving the SDGs, considering the need for accelerated progress to fulfil the goals by 2030.

- Scale and ambition of 2030 Agenda
- Low levels of productive growth in LDCs
- Uncoupling economic growth from social and economic development
- Science, technology and innovation is key
- Inclusive, socially just, environmentally benign

6
billion
without BROADBAND



4
billion
without INTERNET



2
billion
without MOBILE PHONES



0.4
billion
without a DIGITAL SIGNAL



ACTIVITIES

UN Technology Innovation Labs

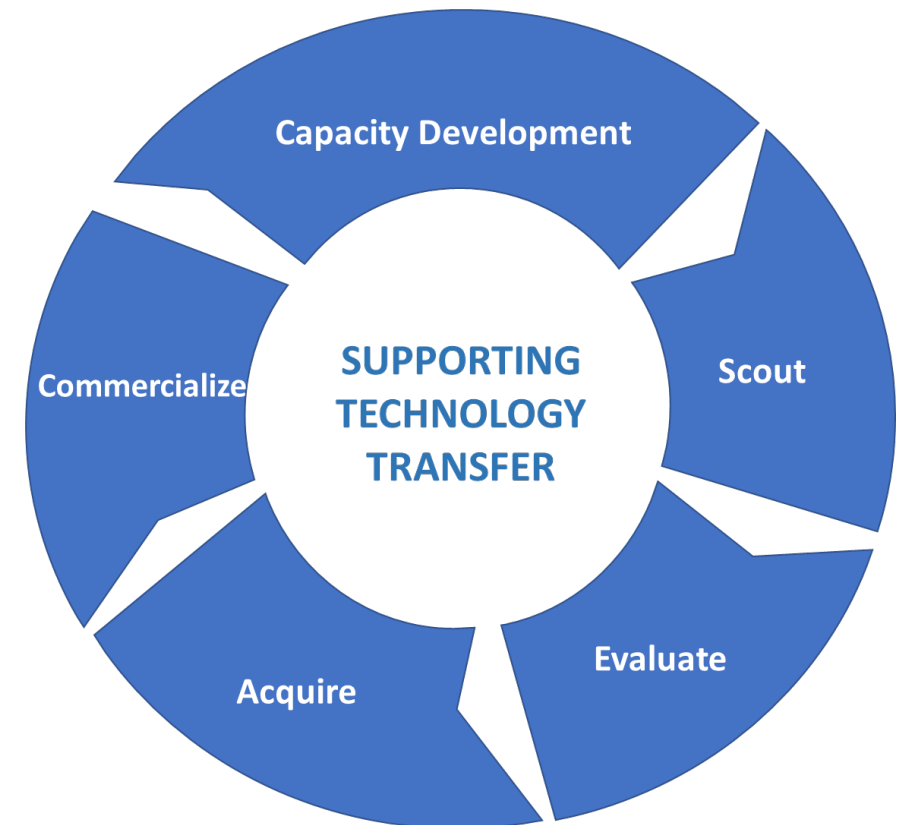
- Digital cooperation and the SDGs
- Leveraging emerging technology to transform societies, nations and humanity as a whole
- Pilot countries – Bhutan, Guinea, Lesotho, Uganda



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Technology Transfer Programme

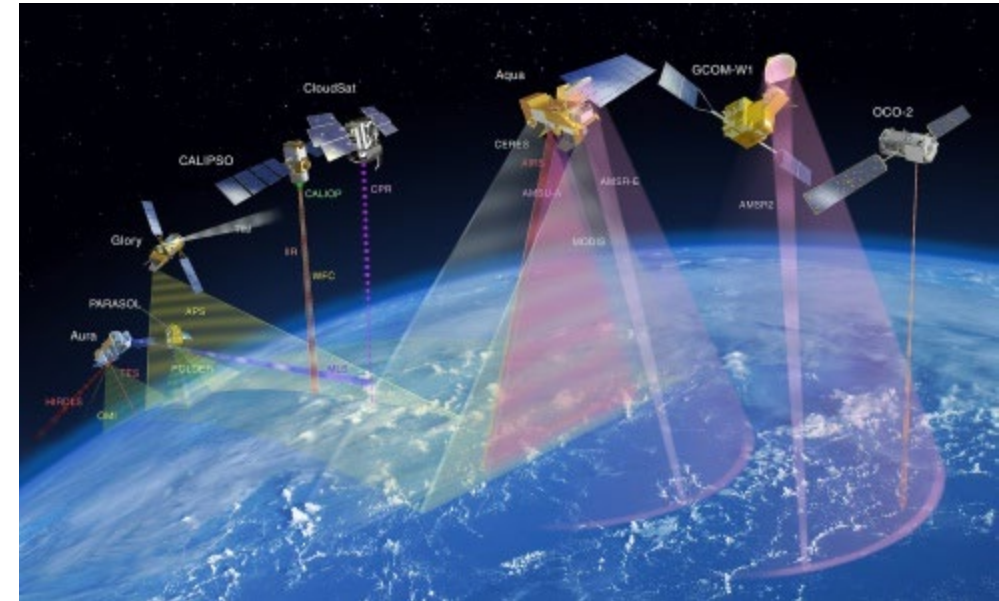
- Supporting knowledge transfer
- Enhancing research and development
- Facilitating access to & use of appropriate technologies



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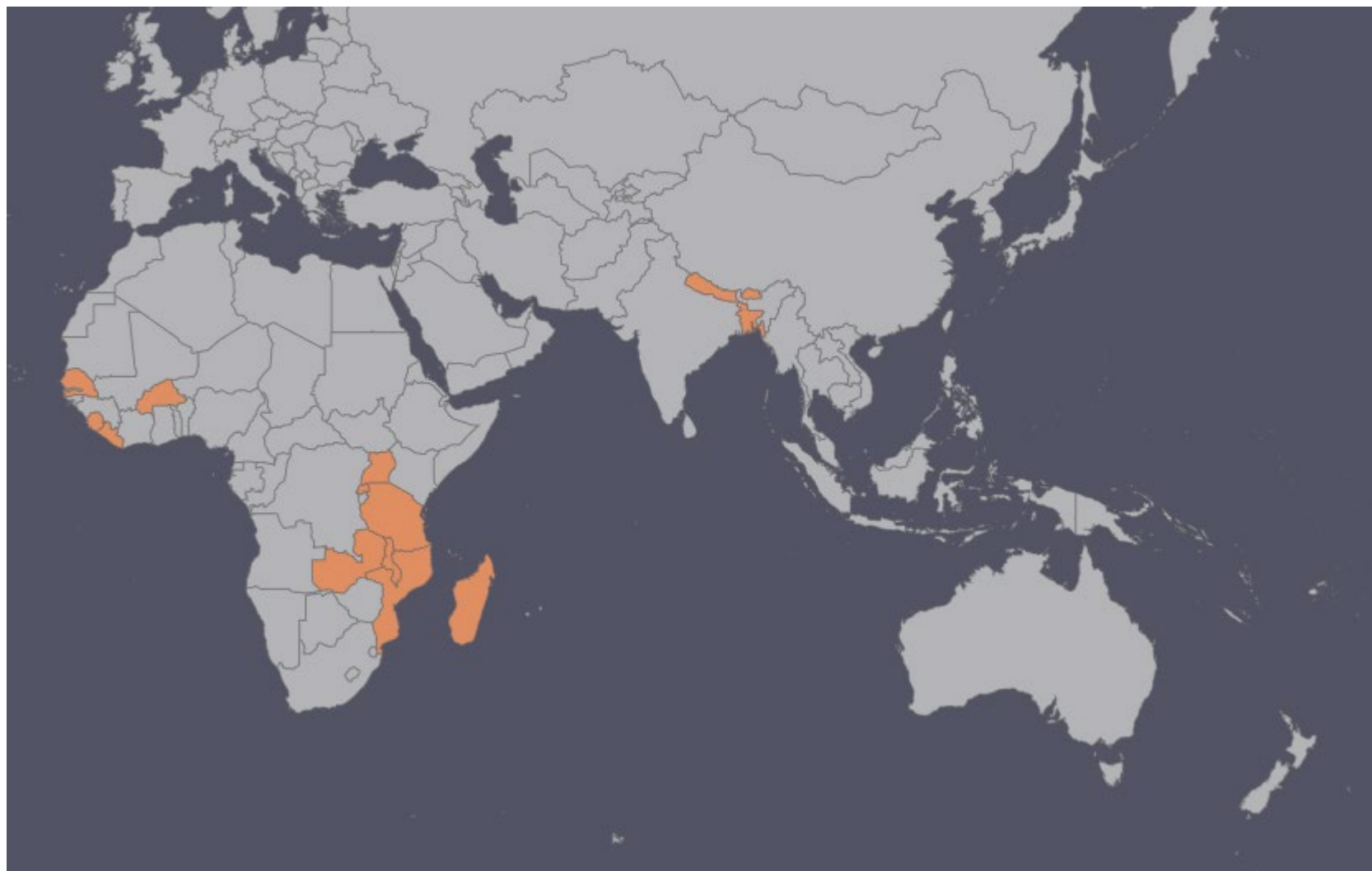
Capacity development - Geospatial information technologies

- Enhancing decision making to address global/environmental challenges
- Pilot countries – Bangladesh, Burundi, Cambodia, Kiribati, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu



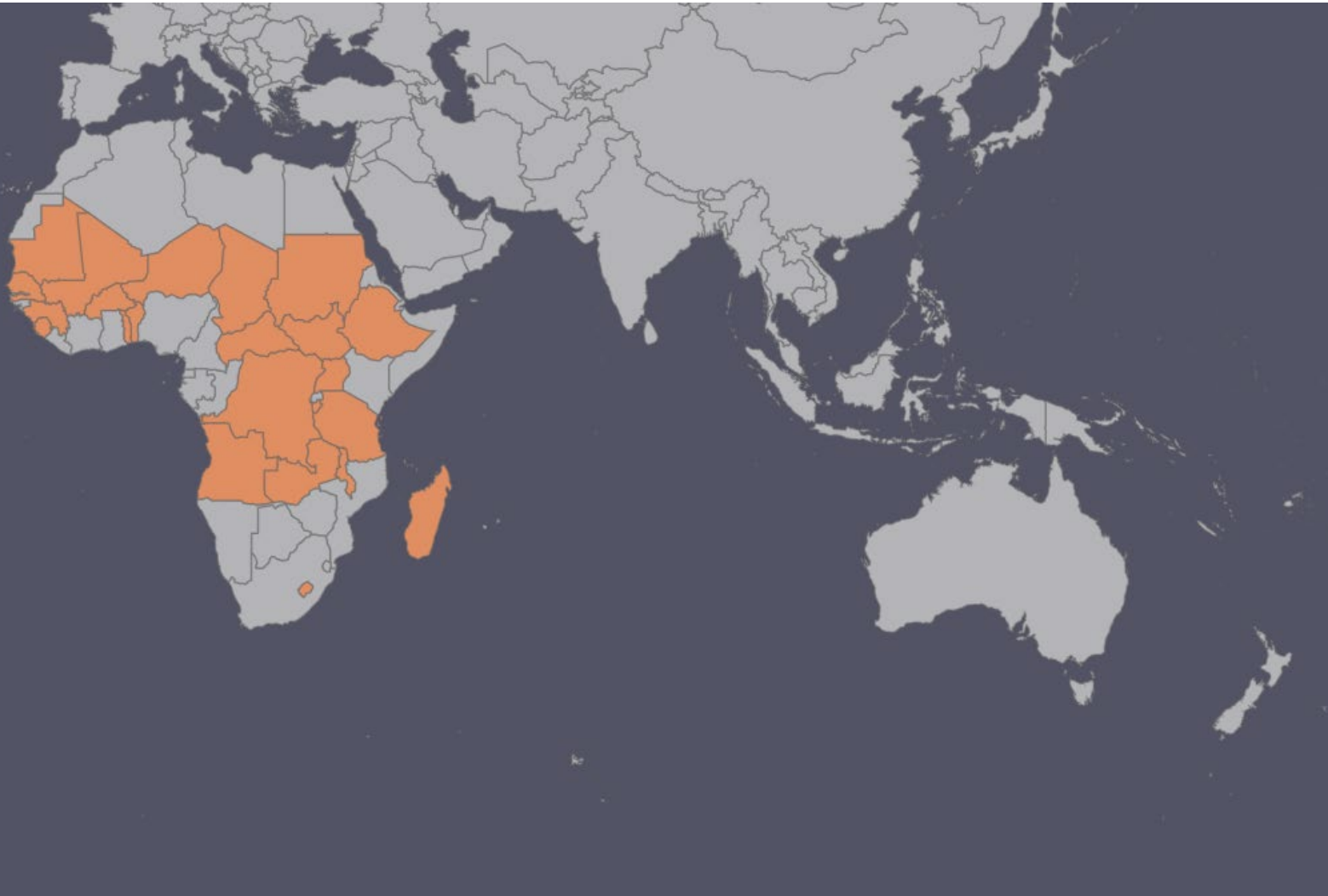


EARLY RESULTS



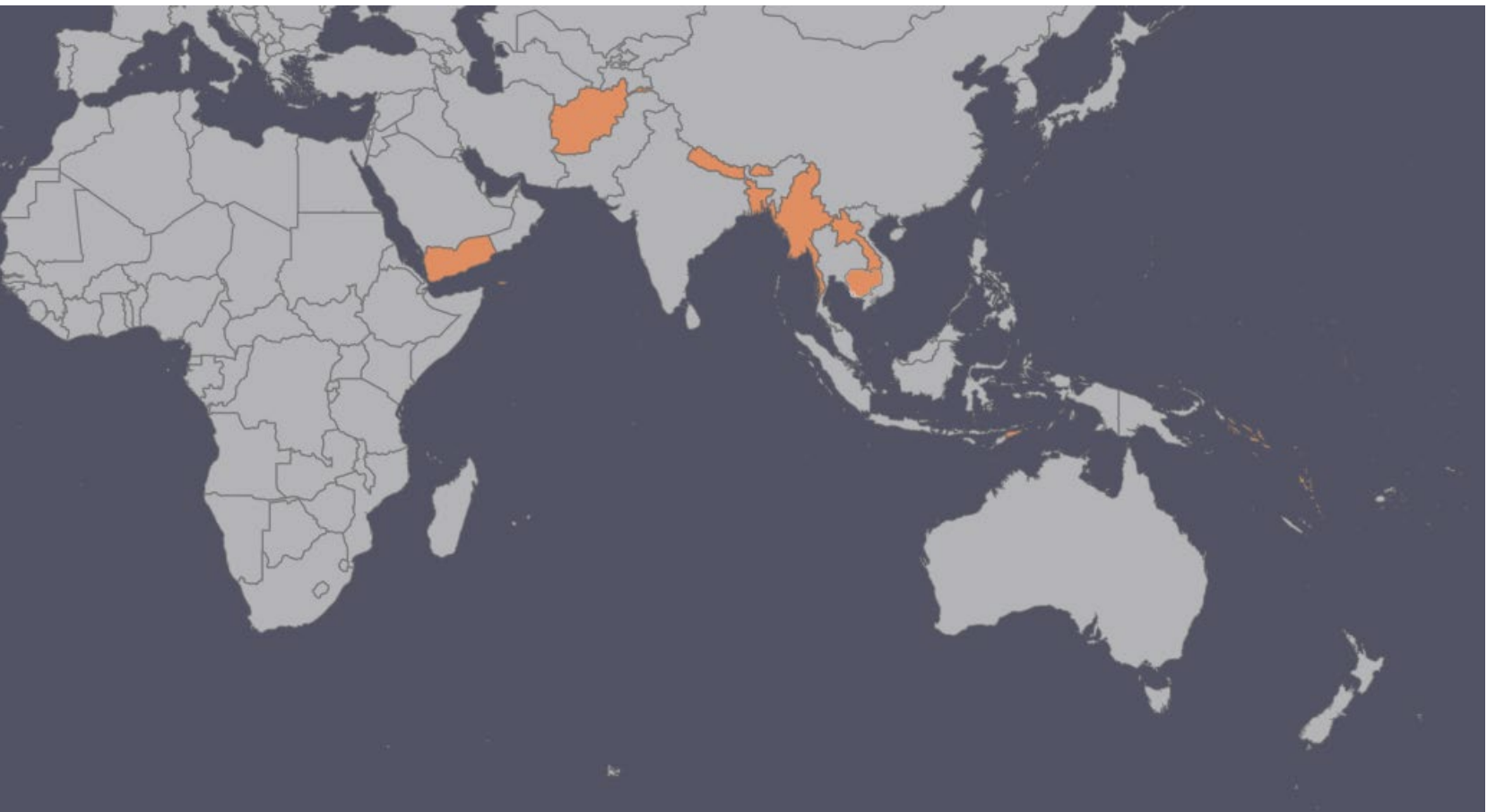
Digital Access to Research

**>2600 experts in
15 countries
trained since June
2018**



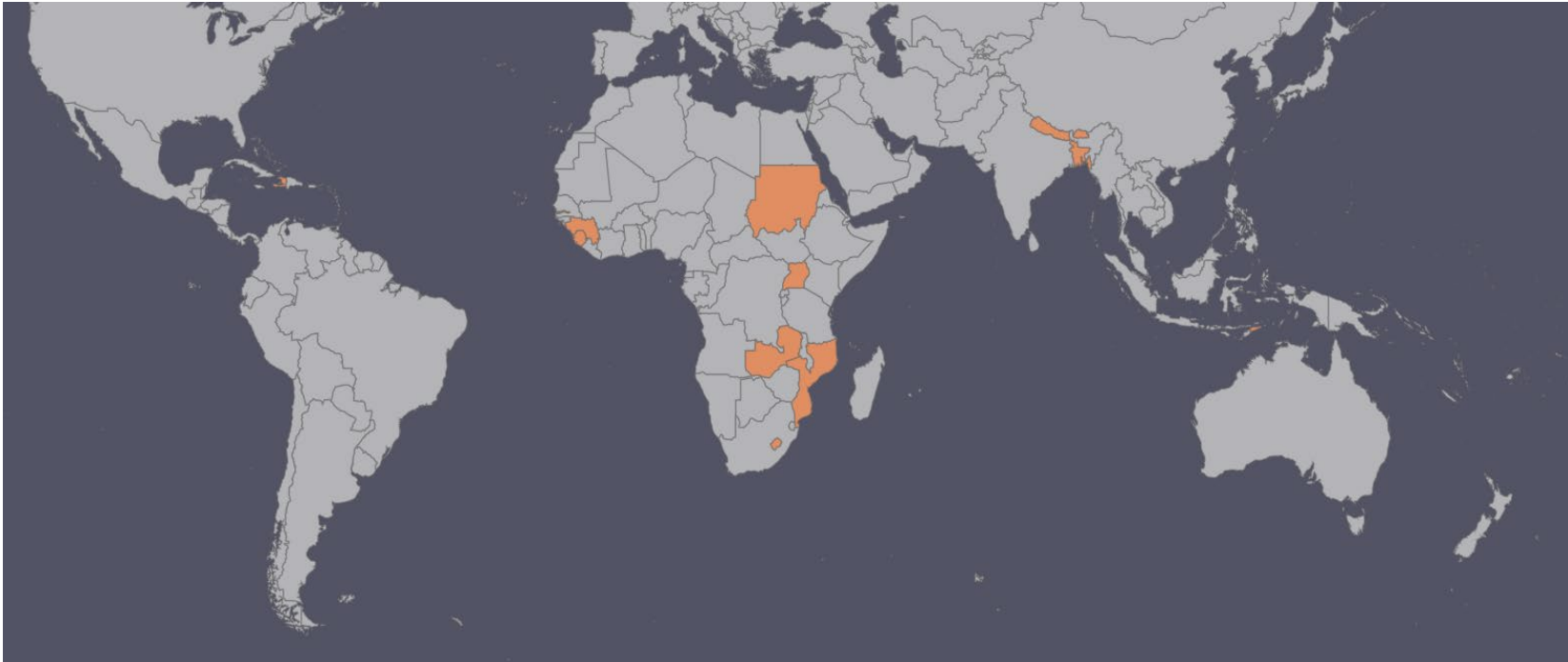
Strengthening
academies of
science - Africa

24 countries
13 academies



Strengthening academies
of science – Asia/Pacific

13 countries



Technology needs
assessments

15 countries
3 regions

PARTNERSHIPS

- Governments
- Private Sector
- UN System
- Civil society
- Academia



AREAS FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH ISA

- Co funding for TA activities
- Technology Needs Assessment
- TCB for research activities
- Joint programmes at Global LDC forums

CONCLUSION

- SDG 17.8 – Operationalize the UN Technology Bank
- Doing a lot with little and making an impact
- Partnering for success
- Supporting UN STI agenda
- Additional opportunities to contribute to UN STI initiatives



*Supporting the
Technology Bank is a
concrete way of
supporting sustainable
development for those
farthest behind.*

