

UN ICT4SIDS Partnership

Invitation to Launch Smart Hubs for Rapid Implementation of SDGs in your Location

This is an invitation to launch a Free Pilot Project that will focus on Smart Hubs for rapid implementation of SDGs in your location. This 3-6 months Project is based on the following phases shown in Figure1.

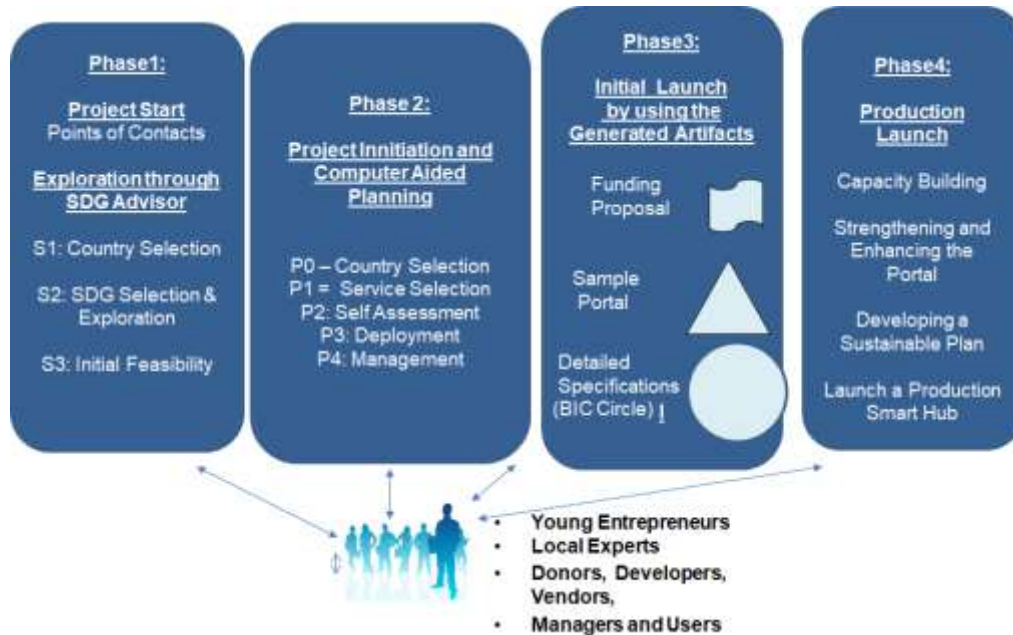


Figure1: Pilot Project Methodology

PHASE1: Computer Aided Feasibility Study (Conducted by using the SDG Advisor)

A Pilot Project is initiated by a User (e.g., SIDS, LDC or any other) by sending an email to Dr Umar at umar@amjadumar.com (Subject: Smart Hub Pilot Project), explaining the main objective of the Pilot Project.

- The pilot project is limited to a maximum of 3 hubs, duration is up to 6 months at no cost (no money exchanges hands).
- Points of Contact (POC) are appointed for the Project from the User as well as ICT4SIDS side after some email exchanges and possibly a phone/skype chat to clarify the goals and expectations.
- We request that you visit the ICT4SIDS Partnership site at www.ict4sids.com site and familiarize yourself with the basic capabilities, especially the SDG Advisor, of the site by viewing videoclips and reviewing the basic documents posted on the learning corner.
- We will initiate the pilot project by sending the User POC a rough plan of action and Free Login ID-PW so that the User can start using the SDG Advisor.

Phase 1 of our methodology conducts a quick feasibility study by using the SDG Advisor and then helps a user to select and launch low cost but high impact pilot projects. The SDG Advisor guides the users to answer the following questions:

- What is the status of my country/region (good/bad) for SDGs of interest
- What type of services could improve the needed status
- What are the costs versus benefits of launching a service and which services are low cost but high benefit within the local context

Phase1 typically concludes in 1-2 weeks. The POCs (SIDS and ICT4SIDS) fill out the information shown in Table1 (about 12 questions) and sign this form to launch agreed upon Smart Hubs for the Pilot Project.

PHASE2 (Computer Aided Planning and Hub Generation)

- The Computer Aided Planning, initially conducted by the ICT4SIDS staff, can be completed within a day and produces an executive summary, a funding proposal and a working prototype of the selected Hub(s) as shown in Figure 1
- After the first Planning run, the POC is given extensive training and support may use the SPACE Planning Toolkit to generate own hubs.

PHASE 3 and 4:

- **Familiarization:** The Customer POC reviews the outputs produced by SPACE. The POCs, and other invited individuals, conduct a detailed walkthrough of the outputs produced by SPACE and determine what can be used quickly
- **Initial Portal Launch:** The Demo Portal is modified to provide initial services that can be offered to the users ((e.g., training materials, mobile apps, basic advisory services, etc).
- **Extensions and Use:** The Demo Portal is converted into an operational portal through several refinements and extensions based on the user feedback.
- **Project Conclusion (3-6 months after Project Start):**
 - Identification of funding and partnership opportunities
 - Development of a detailed plan for future deployments and expansions

TEAM FORMATION AND KEY QUESTIONS TO GET STARTED

ICT4SIDS Team:

- Dr Amjad Umar (ICT4SIDS POC): email = umar@amjadumar.com, Phone = 717-901-5141
- Customer Support (TBD), email:
- Technical Support (TBD): email:

User Team for Island or Country: _____

- Main POC (Name, email, Phone):
- Additional Members, if any (Name, email, Phone):

Please email this form to Dr. A. Umar (umar@amjadumar.com), indicate “ICT4SIDS” in the title.

Table1: KEY QUESTIONS TO GET STARTED

P0 (Country/Region Specification): What is the region/country involved ___ ___

P1 (Service Specification)	Hub Sector and Service (SDG Goal)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the SDG Goal number (e.g., 1, 2, 3,,17) and/or name of a sector your Hubs will focus on (e.g., health, education, public safety, public welfare, etc). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the name of the service you are interested in (e.g., telemedicine, educating school teachers, tourism, e-agriculture, disaster management, etc) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is this Hub virtual (website), physical or both 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is this Hub for Urban or Rural areas. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many users will be served (typically 5000-10,000) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will it operate at a Local, State (Regional) or National level. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the service be mainly information dissemination (e.g., guidance, advice) or transactional (e.g., online purchasing) 	
P2 (Self Assessment):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the major benefits (e.g., public service). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the major costs (rough, between 5K to100K USD). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do the users need to be trained for maximum benefits. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you need trained staff to manage this Hub 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are possible sources of funding. 	

Signed and Dated (ICT4SIDS POC):

Signed and Dated (Customer Point of Contact):

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