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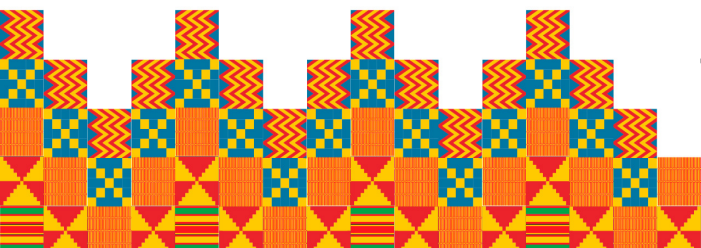


*Accelerating Action through Digital
Technologies: Strengthening Digital
Skills and Capacities for Human
Wellbeing*

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OUTLINE

- Overview of Ghana Digital Economy
- Digital capacities and skills critical to development
- Assessment of national digital skills needs to better target policies
- Outlook of future job market and how to equip young people with the required digital skills demanded by the industry



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GHANA'S DIGITAL ECONOMY

- ✓ Ghana's Digital economy has reached a relatively advanced level of development in Sub-Saharan Africa
- ✓ On going Digitization in all sectors of the National Economy – Health Service Delivery, Passport Services, Birth and Death Registry, Digital Property Addressing System, National Information Contact Centre, Emergency Call Centre etc
- ✓ Notwithstanding these developments – Huge Digital Skills Gap driven by both the latent economic growth and ongoing digitization still exist.



Why are Digital Capacities and Skills Critical to Development?

- To fully achieve the Digital Transformation/Digitization in Ghana and across Sub-Saharan Africa – Government institutions and local economic development
- To bridge the digital gap between the served and un-served communities – Universal Access and Service

How can Countries Assess National Digital Skills Needs to Better Target Policies?

- Conduct of National Survey/Assessment

Example

- A study has been commissioned into **ICT Use among Small and Medium-Sized Business (SMEs)** by GIFEC

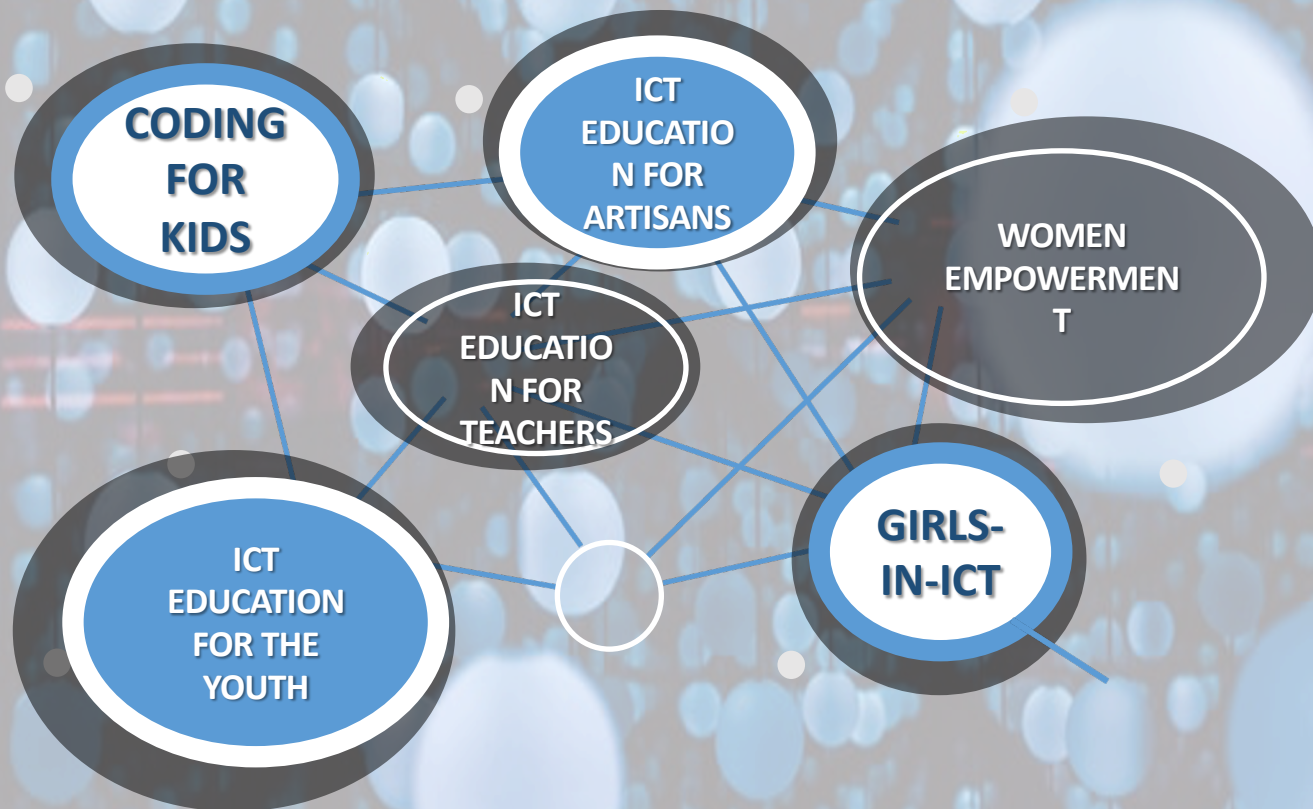
Objective

- Examine the extent of use of ICTs and identify the digital skills set gap among SME operators

What are Successful Examples of Policies, Programmes and Platforms to Strengthen Digital Skills at National Level?

- Ghana's ICT policy
 - ICT for Accelerated development
- GIFEC's 5-Year strategic plan
 - ICT Skills for Entrepreneurial and Women Empowerment Programme
 - Coding for Kids
 - Community ICT Centre expansion
 - Schools connectivity and provision of access devices
 - Train the Trainer

DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMS



Women Empowerment Training



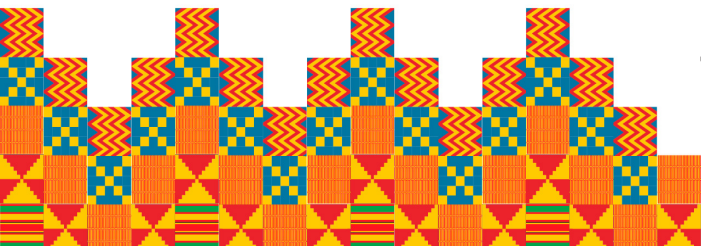
What Does the Future Job Market Look Like and How Can We Ensure Young People Have the Required Digital Skills Demanded by the Industry?

- Tomorrow's job market would be highly digitized and transformational and require life long learning
- AI, Big Data

How to ensure young people have the required digital skills

- Policies to provide equal opportunities for all
- Public access to facilitate teaching and learning - CICs
- Access and devices for all persons especially persons with disabilities and the vulnerable

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