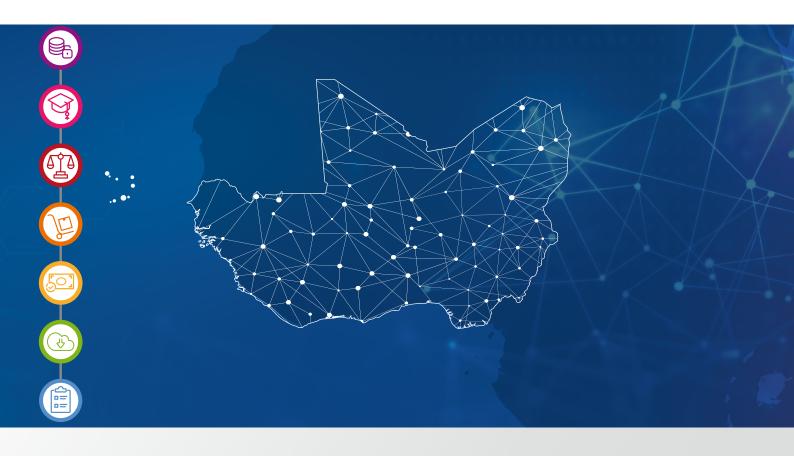
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The Branch promotes international dialogue on ICT for development issues. It contributes to strengthening the capacities of developing countries to measure the digital economy and to design and implement relevant policies and legal frameworks. It also monitors the overall state of e-commerce legislation (https://unctad.org/page/cyberlaw-tracker-country-detail). Since 2016, the Branch has been coordinating a multi-stakeholder initiative called eTrade for all (https://etradeforall.org/), which aims to improve the capacity of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries (LDCs), to harness e-commerce. The initiative is also behind the eTrade Readiness Assessments, which are based on the seven policy areas of the initiative, and of the eTrade for Women programme, launched in 2019, which aims to promote a more inclusive digital economy, in particular through its network of Advocates. These women digital entrepreneurs are active in all developing regions, and contribute to capacity-building, mentoring and awareness-raising activities for more inclusive policies of this kind.

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