2. Development of Data Centre Infrastructures Underpinning the Digital Economy

**Project description and objectives**

The project envisages the implementation of six Data Centers in Burundi, Central African Republic, Sao Tome, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon- and the reinforcement of five –Angola, Republic of Congo, Cameroun, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo.

The project objectives are to:

- **Secure cyberspace** and help create confidence in an increasingly digital world
- Regionalise **the exchange of digital data** within the Central Africa sub-region in order to reduce the response time and the data access time.

**Map of Data Centre implementation and reinforcement**

[Map showing data centers in various countries]

**Project status**

The project is in **Enabling Environment and Needs Assessment** stage (S0)

**Financial needs**

Project Cost Estimate: USD 92.5 Million

Securing funding for Pre-feasibility studies is needed for this project to move forward

**Key parties**

ECCAS

ICT National Authorities

**Private sector opportunities**

Private investment is available in the ICT subject to attractive enabling environment.

**Implementation timing**

- **2019**: The project was included in the PACDICE-AC
- **2020**: Institutional framework for the implementation of the PACDICE-AC
- **2021**: Included in the PIDA-PAP 2 2021-2030 list
- **2023**: Full Feasibility study
- **2024**: Securing funding for Pre-feasibility studies