

Objective 2.2. Improving connectivity between lagging and leading regions

The WBG will support GoT's efforts to reduce regional disparities by focusing on improving connectivity and logistic infrastructure to better connect lagging and leading areas. In Transport, the CPF activities will focus on improving rural-urban linkages by

- (i)** improving the road network infrastructure to reduce transport costs and mitigate externalities such as road fatalities;
- (ii)** strengthening the institutional capacity of road and urban transport institutions in planning, managing and maintaining transport assets and services; and
- (iii)** improving road safety. In ICT, the World Bank will support the implementation of the Digital Tunisia national strategic plan which promotes “Broadband for all” using the existing universal service fund (“*Fonds de Développement des Télécommunications*”). In ICT, IFC will continue to support the ICT federation to improve youth employability in the ICT sector through its E4E Initiative for Arab Youth project (cf objective 3.2) and to actively seek investment opportunities with regional players like SAB Mediterannee. IFC will also seek to co-finance alongside IBRD the private sector led component of the “Tunisia Digital” project.