

AGENDA

# GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT: ASIA CONSULTATIONS

**New Delhi March 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

**PARTICIPANTS:** Stakeholders from governments, civil society, private sector and academia as well as international organizations.

## OBJECTIVES

- Contribute to the exchange of ideas about the potential as well as the challenges in the future use of digital technologies.
- Develop actionable inputs regarding digital inclusion to be included in the framework of the Global Digital Compact.
- Create a shared vision of the challenges and priorities of Asia regarding the digital transformation.

HOUR	DAY 0 – Monday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>
1930-2100	Reception hosted by Joint Secretary Ministry of External Affairs, India
HOUR	DAY 1 – Tuesday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>
0930-1000	Coffee/Tea
1000-1100	Welcoming Speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill</li><li>• Joint Secretary (MEITY)</li><li>• Joint Secretary (New Emerging &amp; Strategic Technologies &amp; Cyber Diplomacy) at Ministry of External Affairs, India, Ms. Muanpui Saiawi</li><li>• German Ambassador to India, Dr. Philipp Ackermann / German Cyber Ambassador Dr. Regine Grienberger</li></ul>
1100-1130	Introduction to the GDC and the 2030 Agenda, Objectives of the Asia consultations & Introduction of Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, Ambassador Anna Karin Eneström</li></ul>
1130-1145	Coffee Break

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**HOUR**

**DAY 1 – Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**1145-1300 a) Role of Digital Public Goods (DPG) including Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in the GDC to achieve the 2030 Agenda**

- Presentation on how DPGs including DPis help in achieving SDGs (e.g., climate action, reduced inequalities, innovation)
- How can emerging technologies and digital applications be used to address the contemporary challenges?
- How can the GDC facilitate sharing of Digital Public Infrastructure and / or Digital Public Goods among member States?
- How can DPis can promote innovation by the private sector including MSMEs and what constitutes the basic building blocks of DPis?
- What level of contribution is expected from stakeholders to build sustainable economic development models using digital technologies?
- How can the global development community channel dedicated funding for the development of a DPI eco-system?
- How can DPis and digital technologies be used for the development of low- and middle-income countries?

**1300-1400 Lunch**

**1400-1500 b) Ensuring inclusive, open, accessible, safe, and affordable digital technologies and infrastructure**

- What is the role of stakeholders in ensuring inclusive, open, accessible, safe, and affordable digital technologies?
- Which short-term measures are necessary and how can the GDC address this?
- What are the capacity constraints in ensuring inclusive, open, accessible, safe, and affordable future digital technologies and infrastructure and how can they be addressed?

**1500-1530 c) Co-governance model for developing Global Digital Cooperation with trust, security, stability and resilience**

- What kind of cooperation and collaboration is suitable for ensuring trust, security, stability, and resilience in digital technologies?
- How can the GDC contribute to developing global digital cooperation?
- What are the elements that need common regulation and technical standards, including certification?

**1530-1600 Coffee Break**

**1600-1700 d) Inclusion and gender equality in global digital transformation**

- How can we ensure inclusive participation?
- How can we bridge the digital gender divide?
- How can risks and challenges such as gender-based online violence be addressed?
- How can we increase/ensure digital literacy, awareness and skills?

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**HOUR DAY 1 – Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**1700-1730 Summary of Day 1 Consultations and Outlook on Day 2**

**1730 End of Day 1 Consultations**

**1930-2100 Joint Dinner (Transport will be provided)**

**HOUR DAY 2 – Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**0915-0930 Tea/Coffee**

**0930-0945 Introduction and Overview of Day 2**

**0945-1100 e) Impact of artificial intelligence, machine learning and emerging technologies on online/offline privacy and protection**

- What are the risks associated with the AI, ML and other disruptive technologies to online/offline privacy?
- How can AI, ML be used to identify and fight against misinformation and disinformation which may be generated by AI, ML?
- How can emerging technologies be used to protect against online crimes?
- What is the role of the GDC for ensuring safeguards?
- How can the GDC guide the development of a regulatory environment to build future ‘privacy by design’ technologies?

**1100-1145 f) Bridging the capacity gap for developing countries in emerging technologies domain**

- How can collaboration and sharing of technology and resources with developed countries look like?
- How should governments contribute to capacity building through funding, policies and infrastructure development?
- How can local innovation and entrepreneurship be incentivized?
- Which partnerships are required with the private sector and research organizations?
- Which mechanisms are necessary to access international knowledge-sharing and collaboration?
- What is the role of academia and industry to address the capacity gap?
- How can capacity-building be implemented to strengthen developing countries' position on emerging technologies?
- How can the GDC recommend sustained capacity development measures that are attainable?

**1145-1215 Coffee Break**

**1215-1300 g) Security by design: Technologies that can be scalable and affordable**

- What are the risks associated with an open and accessible technology?
- What are the present concerns on cyber security and safety of the digital technologies?
- How can the GDC recommend ‘basic security and safety’ measures that could be incorporated into designing technologies?

**h) Capacity building for developing countries in cyber security**

- What are the mechanisms to strengthen human resources in cyber security at scale and affordable cost?
- How can universal implementation of cyber security among all countries be achieved?

**1300-1330 i) Key Take-Aways and Way Forward: Summary of the Asia Regional Consultations**


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