



## **Note by the secretariat**

### **GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT CO-FACILITATORS LETTER ON 15 DECEMBER**

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#### **Purpose**

To inform the Group about the letter from the Global Digital Compact Co-Facilitators on the intergovernmental negotiations.

#### **Action required**

This letter is transmitted to the Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG **for information**.

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#### **References**

<https://www.un.org/techenvoy/global-digital-compact>;  
[https://www.un.org/techenvoy/sites/www.un.org.techenvoy/files/Co-facs\\_letter\\_Global\\_Digital\\_Compact\\_December\\_15\\_0.pdf](https://www.un.org/techenvoy/sites/www.un.org.techenvoy/files/Co-facs_letter_Global_Digital_Compact_December_15_0.pdf)

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15 December 2023

Excellency,

Dear colleagues,

Reference is made to the letter of the President of the General Assembly dated 10 October 2023, announcing our appointment as Co-Facilitators to lead the intergovernmental process for a Global Digital Compact, as part of the preparatory process of the Summit of the Future.

In line with this letter and the mandate of General Assembly decision 77/568, we are committed to ensuring open, transparent and inclusive consultations with Member States, as well as relevant stakeholders, to elaborate a Global Digital Compact which would be annexed to the Pact for the Future, if intergovernmentally agreed. As Member States have decided in resolution 76/307, the Pact will be adopted at the Summit of the Future to be held on 22 and 23 September 2024, in New York.

In this regard, and in preparation for the intergovernmental negotiations which we intend to facilitate in the second quarter of 2024, we plan to convene informal consultations with **Member States and observers on February 12** and with relevant **stakeholders on February 13**. Guiding questions will be distributed beforehand. Member States, observers and stakeholders will be invited to listen to each other's exchanges on the respective dates. Arrangements for online participation will be facilitated. Having heard from Member States, observers and stakeholders, we will then share our initial thoughts on the structure after these meetings. A second round of informal consultations will then be held for **Member States and observers on February 29** and for **stakeholders on March 1**. Thereafter, we will invite Member States, observers and stakeholders to submit **written input by March 8** to inform our preparation of the zero draft of the Global Digital Compact. Information on how Member States and observers can submit input via the e-Submit module will be shared by the Secretariat via e-deleGATE.

We intend to circulate the zero draft by the end of March, in advance of the intergovernmental negotiations which will be arranged as follows.

Date	Time	Objective	Venue
5 April 2024	10:00am – 1:00pm 3:00pm – 6pm	First reading of the zero draft	Trusteeship Council Chamber
2 May 2024	10:00am – 1:00pm 3:00pm – 6pm	Second reading	Conference Room 1
16 May 2024	10:00am – 1:00pm 3:00pm – 6pm	Third reading	Trusteeship Council Chamber

While we are committed to adhering to the dates set out in this roadmap, please note that some dates may need to be adjusted, in which case we will endeavor to communicate any such changes as far in advance as practicable. More detailed information will be circulated in due course.

We would like to thank Member States, academia, the private sector, the technical community, UN institutions and the full range of civil society for their valuable engagement through the previous session of the General Assembly, leading up to the preparatory Ministerial Meeting on the Summit of the Future on 21 September 2023. All the contributions that have already been submitted during our process will inform the consultations and drafting process.

Furthermore, we have taken note that plans are ongoing for the next UN Civil Society Conference, scheduled for May 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya. The focus of this conference will be the Summit of the Future. Its outcome could serve as consolidated input for Member States' consideration for the Pact for the Future, including a Global Digital Compact.

We thank you again for your trust and cooperation as we work together to achieve a meaningful and transformative Global Digital Compact with the aim to strengthen digital cooperation, including in relation to Artificial Intelligence, close the digital divide and ensure an inclusive, open, safe and secure digital future for all. For further questions about the roadmap, your delegation may contact our experts, Ms. Agnes Julin from the Permanent Mission of Sweden ([agnes.julin@gov.se](mailto:agnes.julin@gov.se)) and Mr. Moses Jere from the Permanent Mission of Zambia ([moses.jere@grz.gov.zm](mailto:moses.jere@grz.gov.zm)).

We count on your continued support and active engagement in the coming months.

We invite Member States to share this letter with relevant stakeholders in their respective countries.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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