|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **Document CWG-WSIS&SDG-43/12** |
| **8 August 2025** |
| **English only** |
|  |  |
| Report by the Secretary-General |
| UPDATES ON THE ITU ACTION PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT |
| **Purpose**The objective of this document is to provide updates on the ITU’s efforts to follow up on the implementation of the Global Digital Compact, which is an annex to the Pact for the Future.**Action required**The Council Working Group on WSIS and the SDGs is invited to **note** this document .\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References** [*CWG-WSIS&SDG website*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx)*; UNGA Resolutions* [*A/RES/76/307*](https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/76/307)*,* [*A/77/L.109*](https://undocs.org/en/A/77/L.109) *(Decision 77/568),* [*A/77/L.63*](https://undocs.org/en/A/77/L.63)*,* [*A/78/L.77*](https://undocs.org/en/A/78/L.77) *(Decision 78/555),* [*A/79/L.2*](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2F79%2FL.2&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False) *and* [*A/79/L.3*](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2F79%2FL.3&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False)*; Documents* [*C19/INF/8*](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-INF-0008/en)*,* [*C20/INF/3*](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-INF-0003/en)*;* [*C21/INF/2*](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-INF-0002/en)*;* [*C22/INF/2*](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-INF-0002/en)*;* [*C23/INF/8*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-INF-0008/en)*,* [*C23/INF/9*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-INF-0009/en)*;* [*C24/55*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0055/en);[*C24/INF/9*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-INF-0009/en)*;* [*C25/52*](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CL-C-0052/en)*;* [*C25/70;*](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CL-C-0070/en) *and* [*C25/INF/8*](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CL-INF-0008/en)*.* |

The ITU is committed to playing its role in leading global digital transformation, aligned with the objectives of the Global Digital Compact (GDC), which is an Annex to the Pact for the Future. This document provides updates on ITU’s own [Action Plan](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0010/en) on the Global Digital Compact since the last Council, held in June this year.

# 1 Implementation of the GDC in ITU activities

As part of its contribution to the GDC implementation, ITU continues to advance inclusive and responsible digital development in line with its mandate and the WSIS framework. Ongoing efforts include the expansion of the Giga initiative, with over 40 countries now engaged to connect every school to the internet by 2030, and [the launch of *the ITU-UNCTAD Digital Infrastructure Investment Catalyzer*](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/international-telecommunication-union_investindigital-ffd4-activity-7345853975088259072-p0pG?utm_source=chatgpt.com)at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4), aiming to mobilize the roughly US $1.6 trillion needed to address the critical digital infrastructure financing gap. ITU also advances the development of the UN AI Toolkit with UNESCO, UNDP and the UN Inter-Agency Working Group on AI, to strengthen global AI capacity building.

In July 2025, the AI for Good Global Summit and WSIS+20 High-Level Event – held in Geneva, brought together thousands of global participants and UN partners to advance dialogue on connectivity, digital skills, AI governance and standards. Key outcomes included the launch of the Global Initiatives on AI for Food Systems, new resources on multimedia authenticity standards, the AI standard exchange database, and the appointment of will.i.am as ITU Goodwill Ambassador to promote AI skills training for 10 000 people, especially from developing countries. A high-level global dialogue on AI governance with 53 UN entities reinforced inclusive and sustainable AI development.

# 2 Development of the GDC Implementation Map

ITU co-leads with the UN Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies the Working Group on Digital Technologies (WGDT) – an inter-agency group supporting the implementation of the GDC and chapter 3 of the Pact for the Future. It is one of several working groups under the UN Steering Committee for Pact implementation, which is chaired by the UN Secretary-General.

Under ITU’s leadership, the WGDT developed [the GDC Implementation Map](https://unctad.org/system/files/information-document/gdc_implementation_map_en.pdf), building on [the WSIS-2030 Agenda-GDC matrix](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Content/upload/gdc/UNGIS-CompiledMatrixOfLinkages-WSIS-GDC.pdf), which was created by UNGIS. The GDC Implementation Map responds to the request in paragraph 71 of the GDC. It outlines the implementation framework, including a shared vision, collaboration mechanisms, phased strategy, available resources, and monitoring and evaluation processes, as well as [detailed UN system initiatives](https://unctad.org/system/files/information-document/gdc_implementatation_map_detailed_initiatives_en.pdf) supporting the GDC and key milestones identified by the WGDT toward the High-Level Review of the GDC scheduled to take place during the eighty-second session of the UN General Assembly.

# 3 Supporting Implementation of the Pact for the Future

In addition to ITU’s co-leadership of the WGDT, ITU continues to support the implementation of the Pact for the Future through active engagement in a number of the other Working Groups of the Pact Steering Committee - on SDGs, Peace and Security, Youth, and UN Governance Reform. For example, ITU co-leads the Pact’s Action 27 (c) on bridging digital divides and contributes to Action 24 (b) on ICT-related crime prevention.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_