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## **Working Group on Advocacy**

### **PART I: ADVOCACY AND MESSAGING FRAMEWORK**

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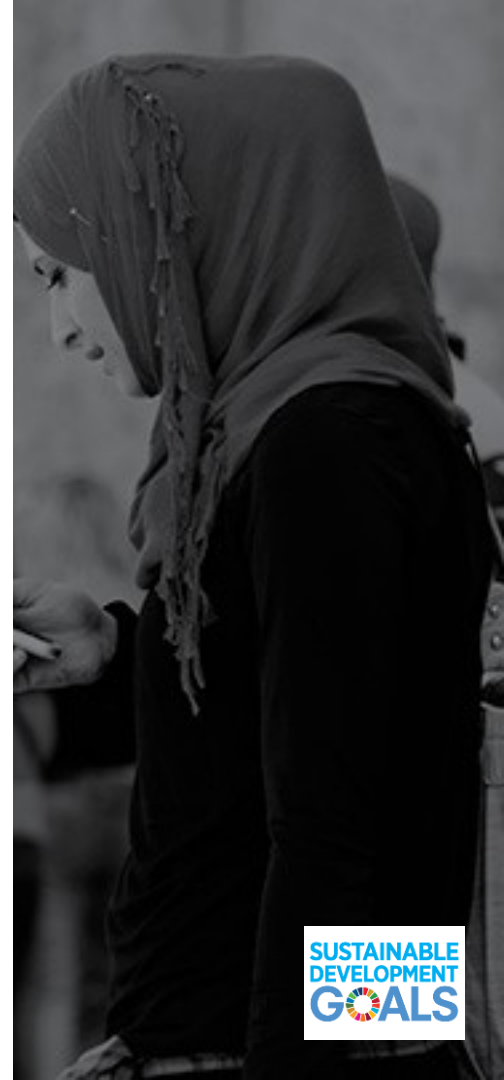
# ADVOCATING THE ROLE OF MOBILE ICTS

Helping senior leaders to **advocate powerfully** for the role of Mobile ICTs in empowering development and making **progress towards the SDGs**

Open resource **messaging framework** for senior leaders seeking speaking points on mobile and development

## *Target audiences:*

1. Senior government officials and UN agencies
2. Major private sector stakeholders, financial institutions, bilateral and multilateral donors, foundations and international NGOs
3. Other organisations, local NGOs



# MESSAGING FRAMEWORK

Mobile technology offers **transformational promise** in emerging markets where large sections of the population cannot access basic services.

The reach of mobile infrastructure and networks places the industry in a unique position to connect these populations to services such as **health, finance and education**.

The messaging framework consists of **ten key messages** and **five roadblocks to progress**.

Together they will enable **senior advocates to communicate forcefully, consistently and credibly** on mobile-related topics in the context of development.



# 10 KEY MESSAGES

DIGITAL  
DIVIDE



DIGITAL  
IDENTITY



MOBILE  
MONEY



RURAL  
CONNECTIVITY



GENDER  
EQUALITY



CHILDREN'S  
USAGE



ECONOMIC  
BENEFIT



UTILITY  
SERVICES



DISASTER  
RESPONSE



EDUCATIONAL  
OPPORTUNITY



# 5 ROADBLOCKS

ACCESS &  
ADOPTION



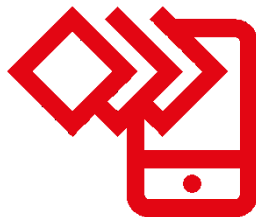
More needs to be done to **expand the mobile network footprint**

AFFORDABILITY



**Cost** of devices, services and charging **remains a barrier** to adoption

RELEVANCE



Content and services need to be **relevant, understandable, safe** and **appropriate**

USABILITY &  
SKILLS



Lack of **digital literacy** and **technical confidence** reduce take-up, especially for women

SAFETY



Fear of heightened **personal insecurity** for **women** persists



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YOUR ATTENTION**