Partner2Connect Community Webinar

Protecting Children in the Age of AI: From Principles to Collective Action

16 October 2026
15:00–16:00 CET, Geneva time
Fully Virtual



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P2C Mission

To serve as a leadership level platform that **engages all stakeholders** to **mobilize and announce new resources**, partnerships, and commitments to **foster meaningful connectivity and digital transformation globally**



Why Join the P2C Community?

To connect 2.2 billion people meaningfully, multi-stakeholder collaboration and leadership are urgently needed. P2C provides a unique opportunity to announce commitments and build partnerships to connect those still offline. **Voluntary Commitments, Self-reporting Mechanism.** By joining P2C, you become part of:

- A **Global Community** of individuals and organizations dedicated to bringing universal and meaningful connectivity to all.
- A **Platform** to Celebrate Successes: Showcasing milestones and progress, we create opportunities to highlight achievements and inspire others to act.
- A **Space for Building Partnerships**, fostering connections, and strengthening collaborations to accelerate impact.
- A Global **Network of Commitments**. As the objective of P2C is to mobilize commitments and facilitate matchmaking between pledgors, P2C is not a direct funding mechanism and does not provide direct financial grants or investments.



P2C Strategic Goals by end 2026

Pledge Mobilization

Achieve total pledges of USD 100 bn

Reporting and Implementation

Increase reporting rates to 50%

Boost transparency and accountability

Matchmaking and Sharing Experiences

Host events to connect pledge makers

Enhance the P2C platform experience

Showcase stories of pledgers and Champions

Strengthen Community

Expand and deepen engagement with P2C Champions

Leverage the UN platform

P2C Update – October 2026

Pledge Mobilization



Pledges submitted:
1,101(1,060 Mar 2026)

Entities:
509 (492 in Mar 2026)

Countries of pledge-makers:
149 (149 in Mar 2026)

Estimated financial value:
USD 122 bn (USD 80.72 in Mar 26)

Reporting and Implementation



48% of pledges reporting progress (vs. 45% in Mar 2026)

52% of entities reporting progress (vs. 50% in Mar 2026)

Mission 50% Phase 2 Reporting Campaign ongoing

Matchmaking and Sharing Experiences



P2C Pledge Portal, Downloadable pledge list, **Matchmaking features**

Launch of **P2C Flash**: A dynamic online magazine of real pledge impact stories

Regional Development Forums 2026

Special P2C Workshop at AI4G26

Digital@UNGA Anchor Event and Affiliate sessions programme – 21 Sept 2026

Matchmaking Accelerators: Caribbean, Guatemala, Jamaica, Ecuador, French Guiana

Strengthen Community



P2C Champions:
Amazon, e&, Google, IDB, Meta, Microsoft, Vodafone, ZTE

P2C Webinar – Mar and October 2026

30 UN agencies active pledgors

P2C Key Milestones

September 2021
P2C launched on the occasion of the UNGA.

March 2022
Launch of the P2C Action Framework

June 2022
Adoption of Resolution 88 at WTDC-22 in Kigali

December 2022
Held the first P2C Annual Meeting and introduced pledge monitoring.

June 2023
Launch of the P2C Global Advisory Board*

2023-2024
Expanded the community and enhanced the pledge form with matchmaking features.

September 2024
Global Digital Compact adoption reinforces the importance of partnerships

February 2025
Reached 1,000 pledges milestone.

Early 2025
Launched P2C Flash, a dynamic exhibition of pledge stories

July 2026
Surpassed USD 100 billion in total pledges

Past Community Events

P2C Webinar

Date: 25 March 2026
Format: Fully virtual
Time: 15:00 – 16:00 CEST
Theme: Celebrating four years, accelerating the next chapter

This webinar celebrated four years of collective action while accelerating the next chapter of impact, with a special focus on youth initiatives and closing the digital gender gap, as well as empowering women and girls.

Ecuador Accelerator

Date: 7 May 2026
Format: In-Person Workshop
Time: 15:00 – 18:00 Local time
Venue: Swisshotel, Quito, Ecuador

This Ecuador P2C Matchmaking Accelerator convened government, private sector and development partners to accelerate inclusive and meaningful connectivity nationwide. Through an interactive, in person format, we aligned national priorities with concrete projects, unlock partnerships, and addressed key barriers to digital inclusion, particularly in rural and hard to reach areas.

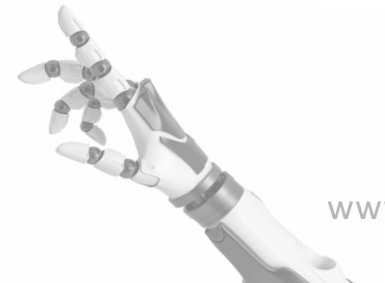
P2C @ AI4Good

Date: 9 July 2026
Format: In-Person Workshop
Time: 14:00 - 15:30 CEST
Theme: From AI Promise to AI Readiness: Building the Infrastructure for AI for All
Venue: Leaders Lounge, Palexpo, Geneva, Switzerland

This Partner2Connect (P2C) interactive workshop challenged conventional thinking and foster open, off-the-record dialogue. Through P2C's convening power, we will created a safe, pre-competitive space where stakeholders from all sectors could come together, identify shared challenges, and build meaningful partnerships.







Past Community Events

P2C Solutions Lab

Date: 1 September 2026
Format: In-Person, P2C Investment Solutions LAB
Time: 15:00 – 16:00 Local time
Theme: Unlocking Partnerships for Universal Connectivity and Digital Transformation
Venue: The Royal Atlantis, Nassau, Bahamas

This Partner2Connect Solutions Lab tackled practical barriers to digital infrastructure investment. Through a rapid fire panel and regional roundtables, we created a candid, pre competitive space to align priorities, unlock capital, and accelerate implementation through concrete partnerships.



Digital@UNGA

Date: 21 September 2026
Format: In-Person
Time: 17:00 – 20:00 NYC
Theme: Building a Digit'all Future Together

Digital@UNGA is a United Nations General Assembly-anchored platform convened by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to explore how digital technologies can drive progress for people and prosperity everywhere.



Caribbean Accelerator

Date: 23 September 2026
Format: In-Person Workshop
Time: 09:00 – 12:00 Local time
Venue: Mercure Cayenne Royal Amazonia Hotel, Cayenne French Guiana

This Caribbean P2C Matchmaking Accelerator brought together governments, the private sector, investors, development partners, international organizations, civil society, and other stakeholders to turn these regional priorities into opportunities for collaboration and action.



P2C at Regional Development Forums in 2026

Meeting Region	RDFs dates	Location	Key outcomes
Europe	24 March	Prague, Czech Republic	**61** contributions. Human capacity remains the main constraint. Governments need to prioritize skills development, particularly in cybersecurity, and **invest in attracting and retaining talent.** Stronger cooperation across governments, industry, and international stakeholders is essential to reach the scale of the impact generated by the efforts.
Africa	25-26 May	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	**11** contributions. Countries should explore and **deploy a mix of technologies**, leveraging their respective strengths to bridge **connectivity gaps** and expand access. Whole-of-society and whole-of-government approaches can address **last-mile connectivity challenges** to reach all communities.
Americas	16-17 June	Cartagena, Colombia	**25** contributions. Address remaining connectivity and **usage gaps**, particularly in underserved areas and among vulnerable populations. The importance of strengthening **regulatory and institutional capacity** to respond to technological change.
Arab States	1-2 July	TBC	Did not happen as scheduled due to the on-going Geo-politics.
Asia and the Pacific	16-17 July	Bangkok, Thailand	**11** contributions. Universal meaningful connectivity requires more than coverage, encompassing affordability, **digital skills**, digital public infrastructure, cybersecurity, and relevant **digital services.** AI is reshaping infrastructure needs, requiring investment in high-capacity networks, data centres, compute resources, and trusted digital ecosystems.
Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	29-30 September	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	**10** contributions. Importance of digital skills, cybersecurity, digital public infrastructure and affordable connectivity, while recognizing AI and emerging technologies as key drivers of digital transformation and regional cooperation.

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P2C Pledges in Numbers









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A shared commitment for children's rights in the age of AI

Joint Statement on Artificial Intelligence and the Rights of the Child
A shared commitment to ensure that AI respects, protects and fulfils children's rights

- Launched on **19 January 2026**
- Co-signed by **13 UN and international entities**
- Supported by **more than 50 organizations** across sectors
- Developed through a multi-stakeholder process, with children's perspectives reflected across all UN regions

Children's rights must be embedded throughout the design, development, deployment and governance of AI.

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International Labour Organization
United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs
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1889 Inter-Parliamentary Union For democracy. For everyone.
UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS TREATY BODIES
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UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
Safe Online

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From Principles to Action

The Joint Statement calls for coordinated action across **11 areas**

Child-rights-based AI governance

- Child-rights-based governance by States, UN bodies and international and regional organisations
- Responsibility, accountability and transparency

Protect children

- Safety
- Privacy and data protection
- Access to remedy and support
- Best interests of the child

Inclusion, participation and empowerment

- Non-discrimination and inclusion
- Meaningful child participation
- Education, science and awareness

Building an enabling environment

- Capacity-building
- International cooperation
- Environment and climate considerations
- Sustainability

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Turn commitment into measurable action

The Call for Pledges invites:

Governments • Regulators • Industry • International organizations • Civil society • Academia • Development partners

to make commitments that are:

Voluntary
Aligned with each organization's mandate and priorities
Measurable
Clear about the intended result and contribution
Time-bound
Linked to a defined implementation period

Your pledge could support:

- Child-rights-based AI policy or governance
- Safety, privacy or accountability by design
- Digital and AI literacy for children, parents and educators
- Research, evidence and capacity-building
- Child-friendly reporting, support and remedy
- Meaningful child participation
- Multi-stakeholder or international cooperation

What concrete action can your organization pledge to advance children's rights in the age of AI?

Submit a pledge through Partner2Connect
Explore the Call for Pledges

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Highlights from pledgers

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Chicos.net

Mariela Reiman, Director

HumanIA equips students, teachers and families to use AI responsibly. Through interactive resources, videos and teacher training, it promotes critical thinking, ethical AI, digital inclusion and girls' participation in STEM, reaching more than 100,000 beneficiaries across urban and rural South America.

Gov't of France

Adrien Abecassis, Ambassador for Digital Affairs and Artificial Intelligence

A rights-based approach combining regulation, awareness raising and international cooperation to create safer, age-appropriate digital environments. It promotes stronger platform accountability and safeguards children from harmful online content.

ChildSafeNet

Anil Raghuvanshi, Founding President

Through research, evidence-based advocacy, capacity building and multi-stakeholder dialogue, this work is helping build a safer digital environment for children and young people in Nepal

Child Online Africa

Awo Aidam Amenyah, Executive Director

Country-level child online protection frameworks across Africa are being advanced through advocacy for children's digital rights, digital-skills development and public awareness raising.

SWGfL

David Wright CBE, Chief Executive Officer,

National child online protection assessments, strategies and action plans are helping governments and stakeholders strengthen policy, education, reporting mechanisms and practical online-safety responses.

UKE Poland

Katarzyna Dudzik, Chief Specialist, Department of Digital Services and Consumers

Educational initiatives for children, parents and educators promote safer online experiences by addressing cyberbullying, hate speech, phishing, disinformation, privacy and other digital risks.

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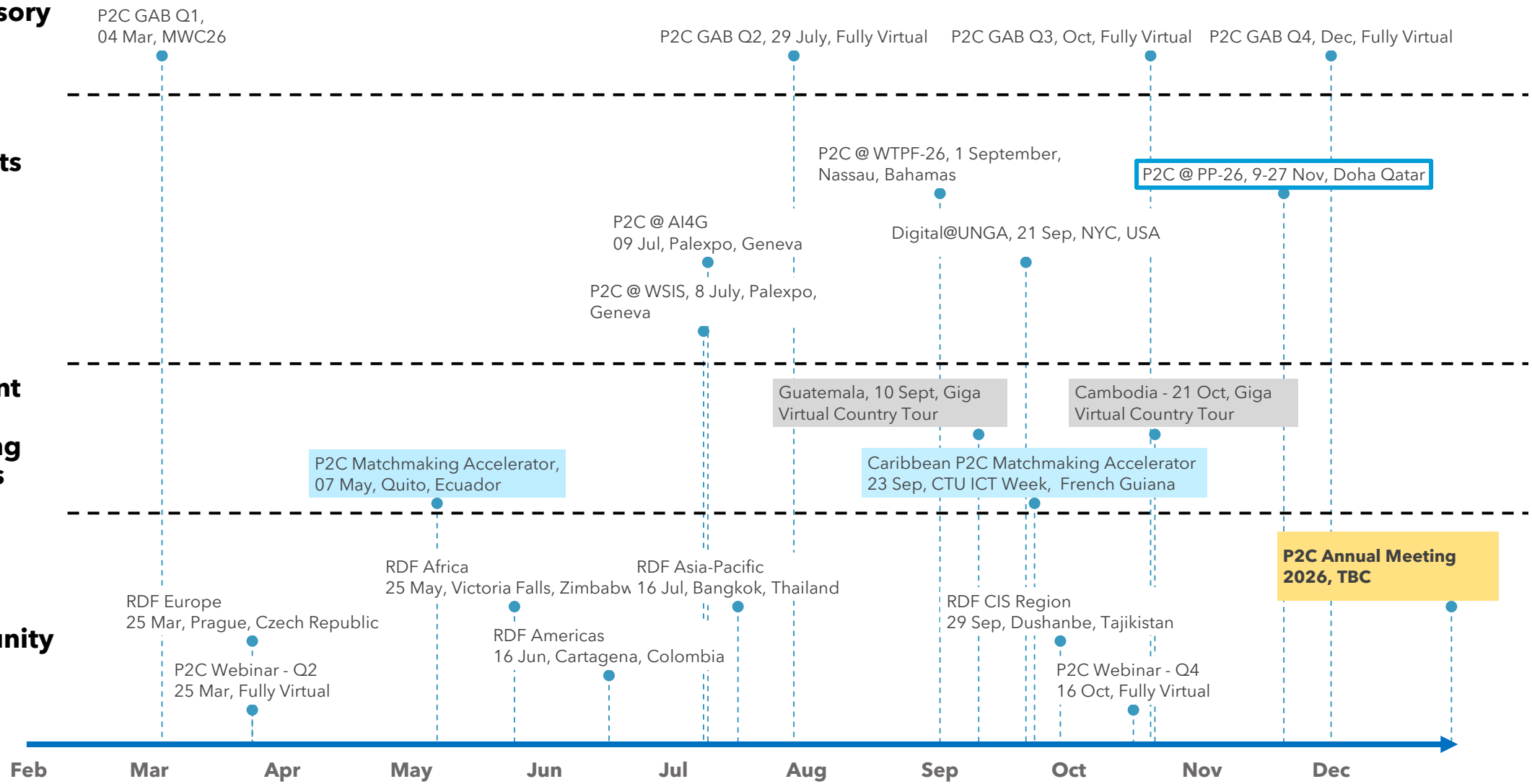
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Before You Go...

Help us shape the future of Partner2Connect
Your input will help us **define the future scope and value of the P2C community,** particularly for organizations with active pledges.
Scan the QR code and share your thoughts 👇🏻



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