Report of the High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation:
The Age of Digital Interdependence

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Why a High-level Panel?

The **High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation** convened by the UN Secretary-General will advance proposals to strengthen cooperation in the digital space among Governments, the Private Sector, Civil Society, International Organisations, the Technical and Academic communities and all other relevant stakeholders.
“Digital cooperation” is our term to describe ways of working together to address the societal, ethical, legal and economic impacts of digital technologies in order to maximise benefits to society and minimise harms.
Members of the Panel
Consultation Process
Report Themes

A Declaration of Digital Interdependence
- Values and principles

Leaving No One Behind
- Inclusive digital economy
- How we work and learn
- Capacity
- Economic policy & regulation

Individuals, Societies & Digital Technologies
- Human rights & human agency
- Trust, security and stability

Global Digital Cooperation
- Challenges & gaps in current global digital cooperation
- Three possible architectures
- The role of the UN
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Build an Inclusive Digital Economy and Society
   - Ensure that every adult has affordable access to digital networks and digitally-enabled financial and health services by 2030.
   - Create alliances for sharing "digital public goods" and data for the SDGs.
   - Adopt policies to support digital inclusion and equality for women and marginalised groups; establish use metrics for digital inclusiveness.

2. Develop Human and Institutional Capacity
   - Establish regional and global “digital help desks” to help governments, civil society and the private sector manage the impacts of digital technologies.

3. Protect Human Rights and Human Agency
   - The UN Secretary-General should conduct a global review of how human rights norms apply to digital technologies.
   - Social media enterprises should work with others to respond to human rights concerns.
   - Design autonomous intelligent systems so that their decisions can be explained and humans are accountable for their use.

4. Promote Digital Trust, Security and Stability
   - Develop a Global Commitment on Digital Trust and Security to shape a shared vision of digital stability and strengthen implementation of norms for responsible uses of technology.

5. Foster Global Digital Cooperation
   - The UN Secretary-General should facilitate a consultation process to develop updated mechanisms for global digital cooperation, using the options proposed by the Panel as a starting point.
   - Take a multi-stakeholder “systems” approach to cooperation and regulation that is adaptive, inclusive and fit for purpose for the digital age.

The speed and scale of change is increasing—and the agility, responsiveness and scope of cooperation and governance mechanisms need to improve. We cannot afford to wait any longer to develop better ways to cooperate, collaborate and reach consensus. We urgently need new forms of digital cooperation to ensure that digital technologies are built on a foundation of respect for human rights and provide meaningful opportunities for all people and nations.
Leaving No One Behind

- Ensure that every adult has affordable access to digital networks and digitally-enabled financial and health services by 2030
- Digital public goods and data commons
- Digital equality for women and marginalised groups
- Metrics for digital inclusion
- Regional and global “digital policy help desks”
Human Rights and Human Agency

- Review how human rights apply to digital technologies
- Accountability of humans for autonomous intelligent systems
- Social media companies and other actors should work together to address human rights concerns
Trust, Security and Stability

• A multi-stakeholder Global Commitment on Digital Trust and Security online
Global Digital Cooperation

- Declaration of Digital Interdependence
- Three potential architectures
- Multi-stakeholder and systems approaches to regulation
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