PROGRESS MADE IN WSIS IMPLEMENTATION & FOLLOW-UP

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In July 2019, a High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation, convened by UN Secretary-General and chaired by Jack Ma and Melinda Gates, provided a report entitled *Age of Digital Interdependence*.

The report presents recommendations on how we can work together better to optimize use of digital technologies and mitigate the risks.

Following up to the Panel’s report and cross-regional, multi-stakeholder discussion forums, the Secretary-General launched his *Roadmap for Digital Cooperation* in June 2020 (A/74/821).

In 2021, the Secretary-General established the position of Envoy on Technology to guide the strategic approach on tech issues and serve as an advocate and focal point for digital cooperation.
ROADMAP MAIN AREAS

ONE
UNIVERSAL CONNECTIVITY

TWO
DIGITAL PUBLIC GOODS

THREE
DIGITAL INCLUSION

FOUR
DIGITAL CAPACITY-BUILDING

FIVE
HUMAN RIGHTS

SIX
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

SEVEN
DIGITAL TRUST & SECURITY

EIGHT
GLOBAL DIGITAL COOPERATION
“We will improve digital cooperation. Digital technologies have profoundly transformed society. They offer unprecedented opportunities and new challenges. When improperly or maliciously used, they can fuel divisions within and between countries, increase insecurity, undermine human rights, and exacerbate inequality. Shaping a shared vision on digital cooperation and a digital future that show the full potential for beneficial technology usage, and addressing digital trust and security, must continue to be a priority as our world is now more than ever relying on digital tools for connectivity and social-economic prosperity. Digital technologies have a potential to accelerate the realization of the 2030 Agenda. We must ensure safe and affordable digital access for all. The United Nations can provide a platform for all stakeholders to participate in such deliberations.” (A/RES/75/1)
Our Common Agenda

- Launched September 2021
- Secretary-General’s vision on the future of global cooperation and reinvigorating inclusive, networked, and effective multilateralism
- Summit of the Future
- Global Digital Compact