

**Remarks on the ongoing process of the UN Global Digital Compact by the co-facilitators H.E. Ms. Anna Karin Eneström, Permanent Representative of Sweden and H.E. Mr. Claver Gatete, Permanent Representative of Rwanda. Delivered by H.E. Ms. Anna Karin Eneström.**

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Thank you UNCTAD for inviting me today. Regrettably, I could not join you in-person, but I am delighted to be addressing you virtually instead. Fitting perhaps, as this demonstrates the enabling role technology can play in our daily life.

As our world is more and more digitalized, and technical developments are moving at a fast pace, the UN and all its member states need to keep up. We need to work together, as a global community, to make sure that the power of technology and the digital transformation benefits all people.

Together with my Rwandan colleague Ambassador Claver Gatete, I am co-facilitating the intergovernmental process of the Global Digital Compact.

The Global Digital Compact is a critical step in preparing for the Summit of the Future and for Member States and stakeholders to shape a shared vision of digital cooperation as envisioned in the Secretary-General's report "Our Common Agenda". The Secretary-General also proposed that the Compact would be the main outcome of a multistakeholder technology track.

We are still in an early phase of our informal consultations which we have strived to make as inclusive, transparent, and meaningful as possible. We are therefore very pleased that the consultations held so far has included participation by a wide range of stakeholders representing civil society organizations, youth organizations, minority communities, the private sector, and the technical community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your engagement and contributions so far.

Based on comments and observations made in the first consultations, the informal consultations continue throughout the Spring in the form of deep dives focused on 8 themes: Digital inclusion and connectivity; Internet governance; Data protection; Human Rights online; Digital Trust and Security; Artificial Intelligence and other emerging technologies; Global digital commons, and Accelerating progress on the Sustainable Development Goals.

The deep dives aim to share knowledge and views, as well as allowing for questions on a wide range of digital issues. At the beginning of each deep dive, the topic will be introduced by briefers selected for their technical expertise, keeping in view our commitment to inclusivity of different stakeholders and to equitable gender and geographical representation throughout the consultations.

The consultations have been constructive and engaging, outlining a wide spectrum of issues and requests such as the need to bridge the digital divide; meaningful and affordable connectivity for all; building digital skills and trust; and was that our digital cooperation has the potential to generate unique opportunities to boost and promote the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Our cooperation in the digital field is crucial to make sure that the technology serves humanity in all dimensions and does not work against it. I look forward to achieving this together with all of you, within the framework of the Global Digital Compact, and beyond.

Thank you very much.