



UNGIS Statement to Global Digital Compact - Stakeholders Session, 24 April

We commend the co-facilitators for the Zero Draft and would like to reiterate UNGIS' commitment to support the achievement of the goals of the GDC.

UNGIS with its 42 member organizations made significant contributions to the Global Digital Compact (GDC) process through UNGIS inputs¹ and statements and remains committed to supporting global efforts in digital cooperation, in line with the mandate entrusted by the CEB.

UNGIS Members emphasize that the WSIS process is a continually evolving process involving many UN agencies, guided by mandates from annual United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolutions, as well as resolutions from several UN agencies involved in the implementation of the WSIS process, and the members continue to:

- recognize the role of WSIS Outcomes particularly the WSIS Action Lines in advancing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- recognize the adaptable framework of WSIS, which has integrated new technologies that emerged in the last 20 years, including e-commerce, Web 2.0, cloud computing, IoT, etc., and continues to integrate new technologies like AI, quantum computing, and the Metaverse while addressing evolving digital challenges, including but not limited to, addressing the digital divide;
- recognize the 'longstanding role of WSIS in global digital cooperation, supported by key platforms for multistakeholder engagement, follow-up, review of the WSIS Action Lines at the national, regional, and global levels, such as the [WSIS Forum](#), [Internet Governance Forum \(IGF\)](#), and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development ([CSTD](#));
- commit to promoting effective multistakeholder digital cooperation at the national, regional, and global levels, through key platforms like the WSIS Forum, IGF, and CSTD, and the resulting commitments related to the GDC;
- commit to reinforce the prioritization and mainstreaming of gender perspectives in all normative and cooperation frameworks on digital cooperation and link the upcoming Beijing+30 and WSIS+20 review process.

UNGIS represents a valuable and well-established interagency mechanism for cross-sector cooperation in the area of digital development, with two decades of experience in the field and reaffirm its commitment to assisting Member States in implementing WSIS outcomes and preparing for the upcoming WSIS+20 review process.

It is proposed that the role of UNGIS is reflected in the text related to the GDC.

¹ UNGIS inputs are available at www.ungis.org