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Global Digital Compact (GDC)

What is it? How can we contribute?

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What is the GDC?



- Proposed in the UN Secretary-General's *Our Common Agenda* report
- Aim: 'to outline shared principles for an open, free and secure digital future for all'
- Coordinator: The UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology
- UN co-facilitators: Rwanda and Sweden

Timeline



- 2019: “The age of digital interdependence”
- 2020: “Roadmap for digital cooperation”
- 2021: “Our Common Agenda”
- 30th of April 2023: Contributions deadline
- 2023-2024: GDC finalisation
- 2024: Summit of the Future

How to contribute?



- UN Survey
 - Deadline: 30th of April 2023
- Thematic Deep-Dives
 - Digital Inclusion and Connectivity, 27 March
 - Internet Governance, 13 April
 - Data Protection, 24 April
 - Human Rights Online, 8 May
 - Digital Trust and Security, 25 May
 - Artificial Intelligence and other emerging technologies, 2 June
 - Global Digital Commons, 9 June
 - Accelerating Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 14 June

Registration link: <https://www.un.org/techenvoy/global-digital-compact/intergovernmental-process>

UN contribution survey: structure



- 8 areas
 - 1. Connect all people to the Internet, including all schools
 - 2. Avoid internet fragmentation
 - 3. Protect data
 - 4. Apply human rights online
 - 5. Accountability for discrimination and misleading content
 - 6. Regulation of artificial intelligence
 - 7. Digital commons as a global public good
 - 8. Other areas
- 2 sub-divisions
 - a) Core principles
 - b) Key commitments, pledges, or actions

RIPE NCC's Key Messages (1)



- Connect all people to the Internet
 - a) Core principles:
 - Cooperation amongst stakeholder groups is necessary in ensuring and enabling access to the Internet. It is necessary to collaborate with the private sector, since stakeholders cannot work alone
 - b) Key commitments:
 - RIPE NCC commits to supporting the development and deployment of IPv6 addresses and RPKI protocols in its service region.
- Avoid Internet Fragmentation
 - a) Core principles:
 - At the technical level, fragmentation refers to a lack of interoperability between networks
 - b) Key commitments:
 - RIPE NCC pledges to contribute to knowledge/information sharing and coordination among stakeholders. Moreover, this cooperation should not be affected by political issues

RIPE NCC's Key Messages (2)



- Digital commons as a global public good
 - a) Core principles:
 - Digital Public Goods are services that play an essential role in the functioning of the open, global Internet and are beneficial to a resilient and innovative Internet ecosystem
 - b) Key commitments:
 - Governments and international institutions should support the development and deployment of Digital Public Goods
- Other areas: Internet Governance and Participation
 - a) Core principles:
 - An inclusive bottom-up approach is fundamental for the governance of the Internet
 - b) Key commitments:
 - RIPE NCC pledges to maintain and strengthen a multistakeholder approach to Internet governance in order to allow cooperation among stakeholders

RIPE Cooperation Working Group Remote Session



- Wednesday 19th of April
- <https://www.ripe.net/participate/ripe/wg/active-wg/coop/remote-sessions/ripe-cooperation-working-group-remote-session-the-global-digital-compact>

Of Note



- The Global Digital Compact (via the Summit of the Future) will be finalised one year ahead of WSIS+20
 - The GDC may inform the WSIS+20 negotiations and contribute to outcomes
- WSIS laid the foundations of institutional support for a multistakeholder approach to Internet governance
 - The 20-year review of WSIS and its agreements (including the Tunis Agenda) may revisit or rescind that support
- Consultations are being conducted NOW!
 - Both online via the Office of the Tech Envoy, and in various formations being organised by the Co-Facilitators (the UN delegations of Sweden and Rwanda)



Questions

