23 April 2021

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 19 April 2021, transmitting the programme, inscription list and information note of the High-level Thematic Debate on Digital Cooperation and Connectivity, which I will convene on 27 April 2021, I have the honour to attach herewith the final programme, listing all the speakers in the Multi-stakeholder Spotlights, as well as the final inscription list.

Furthermore, in keeping with my support for greater inclusivity and accessibility for digital issues to facilitate results-oriented discussions, I have the honour to inform that the Supplementary Information Note previously circulated in my aforementioned letter is available online at (https://www.un.org/pga/75/wp-content/uploads/sites/100/2021/04/PGA-Digital-Thematic-Debate-Info-Note.pdf), and that the Update on the Secretary-General’s Roadmap for Digital Cooperation, prepared by the Office of the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Technology, is available at (https://www.un.org/techenvoy/sites/www.un.org.techenvoy/files/Update_on_Roadmap_implementation_April_2021.pdf).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Volkan BOZKIR

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York
## General Assembly - Seventy-Fifth Session

### High-level Thematic Debate on Digital Cooperation and Connectivity

**LIST OF SPEAKERS**

Tuesday, 27 April 2021, 10:00 AM  
General Assembly Hall

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High-level thematic debate
Digital cooperation and connectivity
27 April 2021
United Nations, New York
10 a.m.–7 p.m.

Programme

Opening Segment
10–10.25 a.m.
H.E. Mr. Volkan BOZKIR, President of the General Assembly
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram, President of the Economic and Social Council
Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
H.M. Queen Máxima of the Netherlands, United Nations Secretary General’s Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development
Ms. Manjeet Kripalani, Executive Director of “Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations”

Video Presentation
10.25–10.30 a.m.
Global Assessment of Digital Cooperation and Connectivity by the United Nations Regional Commissions

Multi-stakeholder Spotlight 1
10.30–10.40 a.m.
Mr. Patrick Gelsinger, CEO, Intel
Mr. Hans Vestberg, CEO, Verizon Communications
H.E. Mrs. Louise Mushikiwabo, Secretary-General, the International Organization of La Francophonie
H.E. Ms. Deema Alyahya, Secretary-General, Digital Cooperation Organisation
Dr. Ahmed Elmagarmid, Executive Director, Qatar Computing Research Institute, and Ms. Jennifer Colville, UNDP
Ms. Mireia Villar Forner, UN Resident Coordinator in Uruguay
Panel 1: Ending the Digital Divide by 2030: COVID-19 Recoveries To Accelerate the Decade of Action

**Speakers**

- **Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin**, Director of Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunications Union
- **Mr. Joshua Setipa**, Managing Director of the United Nations Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries
- **Mr. John Frank**, Microsoft Vice President, United Nations Affairs
- **Ms. Eleanor Sarpong**, Deputy Director and Policy Lead, Alliance for Affordable Internet
- **Mr. Rodney Taylor**, Secretary General, Caribbean Telecommunications Union
- **Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen**, Chair of the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group, Internet Governance Forum

**Moderator**

Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, Chair of the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group, Internet Governance Forum

Panel: 35 minutes  
Q&A: 15 minutes

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
High-Level Plenary

1–2 p.m.  
Lunch

Mutli-stakeholder Spotlight 2  
3–3.10 p.m.  
ITU: Child Online Protection Guidelines  
Mr. Bob Moritz, Chairman, PwC International  
Ms. Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO, & H.E. Dr. Tariq Al Gurg, CEO, Dubai Cares  
Ms. Alison Bryant, PhD Senior Vice-President, AARP Research and Digital Equity  
ITU: AI for SDGs
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Panel 2: Equitable Access and Digital Empowerment: Securing a Safe, Inclusive, Free and Open Digital Future For All

Speakers

Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and Officer in Charge, Office of the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Technology

Mr. Javier Villamizar, Operating Partner, SoftBank Vision Fund

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Ms. Maria Grazia Panunzi, President of AIDOS International, Coordinator of the Civil Society 20 (C20) Gender Working Group

Ms. Solinn Lim, Oxfam Cambodia, Country Director

Moderator

Mr. José Ramón López-Portillo, PhD 10 Member Group, Technology Facilitation Mechanism

Multi-stakeholder Spotlight 3
4–4.10 p.m.

H.E. Ms. Paula Ingabire, Minister of ICT and Innovation, the Republic of Rwanda

Mr. Mats Granryd, Director General, GSMA

Mr. Max Schulze, Executive Chairman of the Sustainable Digital Infrastructure Alliance

Ms. Katie Patrick, Environmental Engineer, Designer

Mr. Manav Subodh, Founder, Co-Founder, 1 Million for 1 Billion

Panel: 35 minutes
Q&A: 15 minutes
4.10–5 p.m.  Panel 3: Greening The Digital Future: 
Local, Regional and Multilateral Partnership

Speakers
Mr. Luis Neves, CEO, Global Enabling Sustainability Initiative.
Ms. Damilola Ogunbiyi, CEO and Special Representative of the United Nations 
Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All, Co-Chair of UN-Energy.
Dr. Eliane Ubalijoro, Executive Director, Sustainability in the Digital Age.
Mr. Maximo Torero, Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
Mr. Fred Machulu Onduri, Coordinator of the Group on Technology Transfer, LDC Group 
on Climate Change.
Ms. Rose Mwebaza, PhD Director, UN Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN).

Panel: 35 minutes 
Q&A: 15 minutes 

Moderator
Ms. Rose Mwebaza, PhD Director, UN Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN).

5–6.55 p.m.  High-Level Plenary (continued)

6.55–7 p.m.  Closing Segment
H.E. Mr. Volkan BOZKIR, President of the General Assembly