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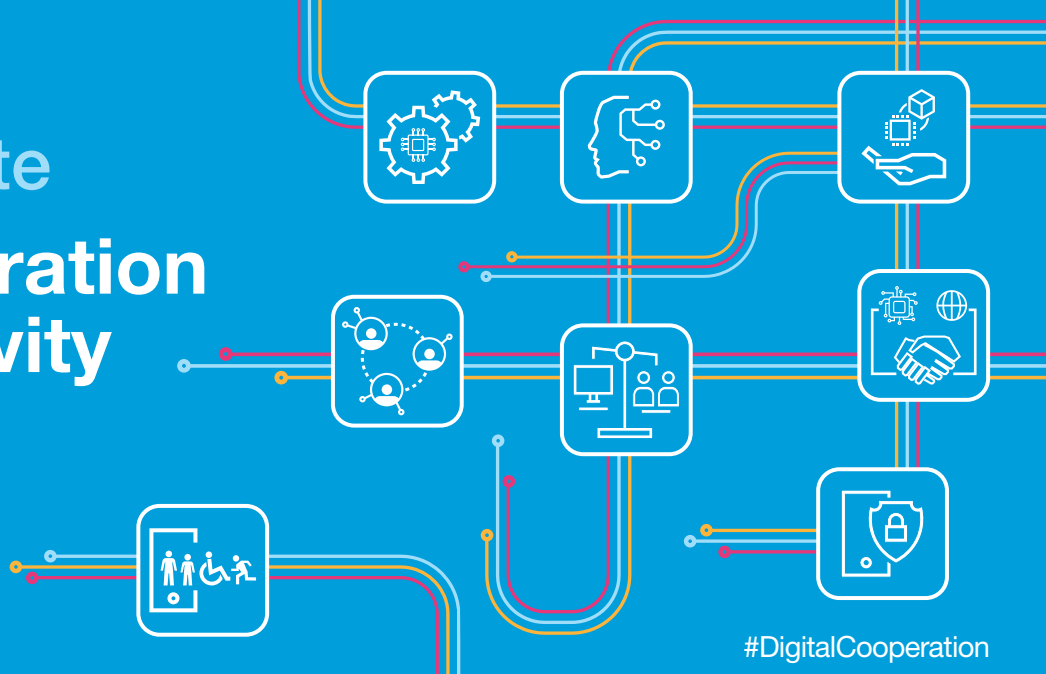
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Programme

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

Mutli-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

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10.40–11.30 a.m.	**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
Panel: 35 minutes *Q&A: 15 minutes*	**Ms. Eleanor Sarpong**, Deputy Director and Policy Lead, Alliance for Affordable Internet
	Mr. Rodney Taylor, Secretary General, Caribbean Telecommunications Union
Moderator	**Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen**, Chair of the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group, Internet Governance Forum
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	**High-Level Plenary**
1–2 p.m.	**Lunch**
Mutli-stakeholder Spotlight 2 3–3.10 p.m.	**Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly**, Executive Director, UN Office on Drugs and Crime, and Director-General, UN Office, Vienna
	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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3.10–4 p.m.	**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)
Panel: 35 minutes *Q&A: 15 minutes*	**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
Mutli-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

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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.
Panel: 35 minutes	**Mr. Maximo Torero**, Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
Q&A: 15 minutes	**Mr. Fred Machulu Onduri**, Coordinator of the Group on Technology Transfer, LDC Group on Climate Change.
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

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