



April 18, 2023

Excellency,

Reference is made to our letters dated February 22 and March 20, 2023, providing further details on the informal consultations with Member States, observers, and stakeholders in the form of deep dives.

At the beginning of the deep dive, the topic will again 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 briefers will be asked to set the stage and not to speak exclusively from the perspective of the organization they represent.

The next deep dive is scheduled for Monday April 24, 2023, starting at 10am ET (New York time) on the theme of *Data Protection*. The meeting will be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Please note that although a full day has been scheduled, the deep dive may be concluded earlier when the requests to take the floor have been exhausted.

In order to facilitate participation, you can find attached the guiding question for the session. Member States will make statements through their delegates participating in-person in New York only. Interventions will be limited to three (3) minutes. The link will again be shared via edeleGATE in case representatives of Member States wish to observe the meeting remotely.

We invite Member States to share this letter with relevant Stakeholders in your respective country, whose remote participation will again be facilitated. Interested Stakeholder participants can register via this website: <https://www.un.org/techenvoy/global-digital-compact/intergovernmental-process>

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



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Annex

Guiding questions for deep dive on “Data Protection”

24 April 2023

1. Art. 17 ICCPR recognizes the individual right to privacy. How can governments, data protection authorities’ private companies, the scientific community and civil society work together to ensure personal data is processed, stored, secured and protected against misuse?
2. What principles would support quality and interoperable data so that governments, international organizations, the private sector, civil society and individuals can contribute to and benefit from digital trade and economy and leave no one behind?
3. Data is a key enabler of innovation and research. How can stakeholders leverage tools such as (pseudo)anonymization,¹ encryption, portability, etc. to drive innovation and interoperability while protecting personal data?

¹ Data anonymization refers to the process of removing personally identifiable information from datasets.