



Permanent Mission of Sweden
to the United Nations

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Excellency,

Reference is made to our letter dated February 22, 2023, informing Member States of the informal consultations in the form of thematic deep dives throughout the spring.

The deep dives aim to share knowledge and views, as well as allowing for contributions on a wide range of digital issues. At the beginning of each deep dive, the topic will 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. Please note that although full days have been scheduled, some deep dives may be concluded earlier in the day.

The first deep dive is scheduled for Monday, 27 March 2023, starting at 10:00 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber on the theme of “*Digital Inclusion and Connectivity*”. As a general framework for the exchanges, you can find in annex guiding questions for the theme. The briefers for this deep dive will be Ms Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and one to two representatives from the private sector and/or civil society.

As noted in the roadmap that we presented on 30 January and our letter dated 22 February, we recall that the intergovernmental negotiations will follow the thematic deep dives and are expected to start by the end of 2023. A connection link will be shared via e-deleGATE 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. Stakeholders that wish to participate are asked to register via this website:

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

Please note also that the deadline for online submissions for the Global Digital Compact has been extended. Contributions can be submitted via the following website through 30 April 2023:

<https://www.un.org/techenvoy/global-digital-compact>

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

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Annex

Guiding questions for deep dive on “Digital Inclusion and Connectivity”

27 March 2023

1. How can governments, international organizations, private companies, and civil society work together to close the digital divide and improve access, skills, and meaningful connectivity for all?
2. What actions should be taken to enable digital inclusion for all?
3. What policies, frameworks and programs have proven to be most successful and should be scaled up and adapted to other contexts to foster digital inclusion?