



STRENGTHENING DIGITAL CAPACITY BUILDING

Skill development and training are needed around the world. Many people are deprived of capacities and skills crucial to the digital era and to attaining the Sustainable Development Goals. Digital capacity building must be more needs-driven and tailored to individual and national circumstances, and better coordinated globally.

THE WAY FORWARD

1. **DIGITAL PUBLIC GOODS PLATFORMS**, which share digital public goods, engage talent, and pool data sets
 - a. Digital Public Goods Alliance, which responds directly to the High-Level Panel's recommendations
2. **EXPAND MAPPING OF EXISTING DIGITAL CAPACITY-BUILDING INITIATIVES** to include detailed needs assessments
3. **A BROAD MULTI-STAKEHOLDER NETWORK TO PROMOTE HOLISTIC, INCLUSIVE APPROACHES TO DIGITAL CAPACITY-BUILDING**
 - a. "Clearing house function" to better direct requests for support, embedded within the United Nations system
 - b. A new multi-stakeholder joint facility for digital capacity development
4. **STRENGTHEN CAPACITY-BUILDING SUPPORT** in internet connectivity and growing digital economies
5. **UNITED NATIONS PRESENCE ON THE GROUND TO ENHANCE SUPPORT TO NATIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING EFFORTS AND AMPLIFY COUNTRY-LEVEL SUPPORT**
 - a. UN Country Teams, through their Resident Coordinators to serve as in-country focal points on digital cooperation
 - b. UN actors to work with local college-graduates and young professionals in supporting rural-centric initiatives, possibly building on the existing United Nations Volunteers programme.