

Global Digital Compact

Internet Society's Contribution to Stakeholder Consultation

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Internet Society is glad to participate in this consultation about the future of digital development. We commend the co-facilitators for their hard work in seeking agreement on the Global Digital Compact.

However, we are concerned about the delayed and limited communication with non-governmental stakeholders who could not quickly access a public version of the third review of the GDC.

The actions taken at this stage will be very important in creating an environment that fully supports digital development and opportunities for all.

Preserving and promoting the open, globally connected, secure, and trustworthy Internet is crucial to fulfilling its role as a force for good in society and a global technical infrastructure enabling stakeholders to implement the Compact's commitments.

We believe this will not be possible unless all stakeholders can effectively participate in the discussions surrounding the Compact and its implementation. In particular, members of the technical community have a strong foundation of expertise based on a common understanding of the characteristics that the Internet needs to exist and thrive.

As we work to boost our progress towards achieving the SDGs, the multistakeholder approach to Internet Governance emerges as the only real way forward.

We are ready to contribute to the Compact's implementation through the Internet Governance Forum and other existing processes, which have a proven ability to evolve and adapt.

We respectfully encourage all Member States to build on the existing multistakeholder institutions and mechanisms, offering the Compact a genuine opportunity to become a positive catalyst.

To the co-facilitators, we wish you the best of luck in finalizing the Global Digital Compact.

