

The overarching goal of our submission is to advocate for an unsiloed approach to transnational responsible artificial intelligence (RAI) governance, which has multidimensional overlaps with all the other recommended thematic areas in the Common Agenda Report. We are conscious of the need for succinct and concrete inputs to best inform the content of and subsequent negotiations on the Global Digital Compact (GDC). For ease of reference, the following specific action areas as per the Roadmap format, inform our main contributions:

- i. Apply human rights online.
- ii. Protect data.
- iii. Promote regulation of artificial intelligence
- iv. Digital commons as a global public good.

The Data Economy Policy Hub (DepHUB) (SSA).

The Roadmap for Africa's Digital Future, developed by various contributors, was formulated in consultation with a community of multi-sectoral actors from across Africa, through a series of online and open stakeholder dialogues aimed at formulating multidisciplinary collective African voices, values, interests, visions, concerns, expectations that should become part of the increasingly global discussion on RAI, just public data value creation, and promotion of DPGs. The online dialogues took place between 22nd February and 9th March 2023.

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We recommend the advancement of the following four core principles to support global RAI governance² that address collaborative global governance, sustainable digital development, just public

i. Create a a representative multilateral structure that is reflective of contemporary geopolitical realities is required to address threats from frontier and emerging technologies, growing wealth asymmetries, the disruptive role of non-state actors, and intensifying geopolitical competition. Significant efforts are needed to improve the coherence and consistency of various interdependent global systems to alter the architecture for global sustainable digital development, equitable economic growth, and shared prosperity from the data driven digital economy.

ii. Create a to facilitate the dialogue and governance on norms, technical standard setting and legal frameworks for co defining key RAI governance frameworks for digital sustainability in collaboration with standard setting entities, member states and private actors.

Formal action-oriented inclusive frameworks are required to ensure meaningful participation from diverse stakeholders for a truly global consensus on AI governance that is trustworthy, human rights-based, promotes peace, and supports sustainable economic development in a manner that reflects global interdependencies, various socioeconomic realities, and the rich diversity of our modern interdependent global society.

Create funding mechanisms, technical capacity building, and varied education programmes to strengthen capacity, skills and reflexivity needed to advance digital sustainability with the flexibility for signatories of the Inclusive Framework to contribute to global RAI governance that supports mechanisms to adapt RAI best practices to their contextual realities.

iii. Support Encourage strong commitment and strong alliances across state and non-state actors to enhance an unsiloed approach to, stimulate demand, technical standard setting and responsible investments in green digital infrastructures, products and services, and innovations that are contextually relevant to various socioeconomic realities.

As part of the Coalition for Digital Environmental Sustainability (CODES), the DepHUB supports the CODES GDC Submission to reorient resources towards applied digital innovations for sustainable development and advance sustainable development to the forefront of a just digital transition.

iv. Promote Utilize data for advancing the common good, globally. Develop a public good framework for various data, including climate and environmental data to leverage sustainability assessments and global stock taking. Leverage existing networks and technical standards to ensure DPGs are open and accessible to all, with no barriers to entry and can be adapted to

interdisciplinary mandates with cross-cutting policies, research agendas, and legislative frameworks at local, national and global levels.

- v. . Developing financing mechanisms to advance sustainable RAI solutions requires a coordinated effort amongst different stakeholders and a commitment to promoting sustainability and RAI practices. As part of the Global RAI Governance Inclusive Framework, decentralized, innovative financing mechanisms like crowdfunding, micropayments or payments for ecosystem services can be developed through the new recommended World Data and RAI Governance Institution. This can facilitate harmonization, adoption, and monitoring