

# Contribution to the Global Digital Compact

## Premise

The Internet and digital technologies play a fundamental role in social, economic and cultural development and the definition of the principles of the Global Digital Compact will have a significant impact on their evolution in all countries of the world, including Italy.

*IGF Italia* community has decided to join the many voices that intend to participate in this process. In fact, we believe that the debate on the GDC is an opportunity for the IGF multi-stakeholder community and for all those who want to contribute to building a better, safer and fairer digital future for all, which leaves no one behind.

We thank the Secretary-General of the United Nations for initiating this inclusive and multi-stakeholder debate, open to all.

This document takes into consideration the contributions collected during the public consultation on the Global Digital Compact by IGF Italia and the results of the [debate](#) held during IGF Italia 2022 in Ancona<sup>1</sup>.

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## 1) Connectivity

Internet Governance public policies issues in their various dimensions: network infrastructures, protocols, DNS, social platforms, security, privacy, etc. Those dimensions should be measured and monitored on a regular basis to ensure an informed understanding of policy makers of the Internet Governance priority issues.

In support of this initiative, it should also be foreseen:

- The definition of globally valid indicators to measure progress on Internet development at national and regional level. The Unesco Internet Universality indicators could be used as reference (ROAM).
3. Initiate a dialogue between Governments, Telecom Operators, OTT and other interested stakeholders in order to:
- Improve meaningful connectivity at national and global level.
  - Cover the mountainous and remote areas, completing the distribution of the fiber coverage.



### Key commitments:

In light of these points, it is deemed necessary to:

1. Draw the attention of Governments to data protection and suggest them to adopt a data governance strategy based on the respect and defense of **Human Rights**.
2. Promote the definition of a global regulatory framework that takes into account the European Data Protection Regulations, the GDPR and the EU DATA Act, and promote the adoption of privacy by design models.
3. The global regulatory framework should ensure a trusted and safe trans-national transfer of data and the application of adequate security and privacy measures in cloud infrastructures. In support of this initiative, it should also be considered to:
  - Communicate data protection rules and practices in simple and usable language even for less experienced users.
4. Establish principles for the development of quality and interoperable data such as: a) the adoption and development of **common and global standards** by the Governments and Private Companies, b) the promotion of **Open Data** by the Governments, c) the Data reuse, d) Data transparency, e) Data Accountability, f) Data Portability.
5. Ensure greater protection of the identity of minors. In support of this initiative, it should also be considered to:
  - Strengthen the data

- Promote and support a common security strategy among member states.
- Promote and support a plan to combat disinformation and propaganda among member states.

**Key commitments:**

also suggest using the IGF as a central space for taking stock and assessing implementation of the Compact's principles and commitments going forward.

- We suggest increasing collaboration between the GDC processes and other similar initiatives such as the Declaration on the Future of the Internet and the European