

UN-HABITAT'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT

Background

In September 2020, the Secretary-General released [Our Common Agenda](#). This report proposes a [Global Digital Compact](#) to improve digital cooperation and “outline shared principles for an open, free and secure digital future for all”. The Global Digital Compact builds on the recommendations from the [Roadmap for Digital Cooperation](#) and will be the main outcome of a multi-stakeholder technology track at the Summit of the Future (September 2024). This process should include the United Nations, the private sector and civil society, grassroots organizations, academia and individuals globally.

Ahead of the negotiations on the Compact (expected during the 77th session of the General Assembly 2022/2023) and the Summit, the UN Secretariat launched an inclusive preparatory process including an [online space](#) to shape the Global Digital Compact and contribute with ideas, opinions and views in the following areas:

1. Connect all people to the internet, including all schools
2. Avoid internet fragmentation
3. Protect data
4. Apply human rights online
5. Accountability for discrimination and misleading content
6. Regulation of artificial intelligence
7. Digital commons as a global public good
8. Other areas

More details on the process can be found in the [Global Digital Compact Background Note](#) and the [Guidance Report](#).

UN-Habitat responses to the survey

Area	Core Principles	Key Commitment / Pledges / Actions
1. Connect all people to the internet, including all schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge the digital divide in terms of connectivity, skills and literacies of vulnerable groups 	



<p>8. OTHER (2): Local leadership on digital cooperation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the role of mayors and local governments in driving the digital cooperation agenda 	<p>Following the collaboration between UN-Habitat and the SG's Office of the Envoy on Technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up a Global Alliance of Mayors for Digital Cooperation Support the development of guidelines and a playbook on local action for strengthened digital cooperation Promote digital cooperation principles at the local level globally, and strengthen the role of mayors as digital leaders Translate the Global Digital Compact to action at the city level
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