

## PACT FOR THE FUTURE ANEX - GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT

### KEY TOPICS

The compact aims to provide a foundational framework through international cooperation and governance, with five clear objectives for global digital cooperation: i) Close digital divide and accelerate progress on the SDGs, ii) Expand opportunities for inclusion in the digital economy, iii) Foster inclusive open, safe and secure digital space, iv) Advance equitable international data governance v) Govern emerging technologies, including AI for humanity. It also has 10 cross-cutting principles of being Inclusive, Development-focused, human rights-based, gender equal, environmentally sustainable, accessible and interoperable, responsible and accountable, innovation-friendly, multi-stakeholder and forward-looking. This is to ensure that it identifies practical commitments and targeted actions to achieve the set objectives:

- **Connectivity:** Achieve universal and meaningful connectivity to accelerate progress across the SDGs, including innovative financing to connect everyone to the internet by 2030, particularly targeting vulnerable and marginalized populations.
- **Digital Literacy and Skills:** Ensure comprehensive digital literacy and skills development by reforming educational curriculum and boosting digital skills training to facilitate effective use of the internet and digital technologies.
- **Digital Public Goods:** Promote safe, inclusive, and interoperable digital public infrastructure through open-source software and platforms, aiming to enhance social and economic opportunities for all.
- **Digital Economy Inclusion:** Expand opportunities for inclusion in the digital economy by developing enabling environments that support innovation and nurture digital skills.
- **Safe and Secure Digital Space:** Promote human rights in the digital space, ensuring that digital technologies uphold the rights of all individuals and prevent abuses such as cyberbullying and online child exploitation.
- **Data Governance:** Advance equitable and interoperable data governance frameworks that ensure privacy and security while maximizing the benefits of data use.
- **Emerging Technologies:** Govern emerging technologies like AI to ensure they are safe, secure, trustworthy, and aligned with human rights and sustainable development.

### MEMBER STATES INITIAL INTERVENTIONS

- The Zero draft of the GDC was positively received by Member States (MS) and Stakeholders, with MS asking for more time to consult and coordinate their positions on the draft the Compact. The first reading will be held on 2 May 2024. Initial interventions welcomed the inclusion of measurable commitments and concrete deliverables saying it's a good basis for promoting inclusive development and leveraging AI and emerging technologies for sustainable development. They called for the UN to play a leading role in AI governance, but questioned the lack of explicit clarification on who would be for the commitments.