

**Leadership Panel of the Internet Governance Forum
Multistakeholder Advisory Group of the Internet Governance Forum**

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Your Excellencies, Ambassador Eneström, Ambassador Gatete, Co-facilitators of the Global Digital Compact and Under-Secretary Gill,

We have the pleasure of sharing with you a proposal developed by the United Nations' Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in relation to the development of a Global Digital Compact (GDC), which you have been entrusted to lead.

In his 'Our Common Agenda' report, the Secretary-General called for "a multi-stakeholder digital technology track in preparation for a Summit of the Future to agree on a Global Digital Compact." This was an ambitious challenge, and your efforts to develop multistakeholder dialogue via the current "deep dive" consultations and other engagement activities have been welcomed by the global multistakeholder community.

We feel it is vital that this spirit of multistakeholder engagement continues throughout the further development of the GDC. This will not only ensure that the final agreement reflects the most current, comprehensive, and impartial understanding of current issues and solutions, but will also serve to enhance the ownership and involvement of all stakeholders in the negotiated commitments and solutions to be set forth in the compact.

We would also highlight that the themes and issues that are to be addressed in the GDC have been discussed and examined in great depth by the IGF community, both at the annual events and in IGF intersessional work. As such, there is a wealth of knowledge and insight that can be drawn upon in development of the compact.

There are notable past examples of multistakeholder processes that we can build on and that have been successfully applied to the delivery of specific and timely outcomes, including the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG, 2005), the NETmundial Global Multistakeholder Meeting on the Future of Internet Governance (2014) and the IANA Stewardship Transition (2016).

The proposal below outlines a lightweight and dynamic model that draws on the Internet Governance Forum's existing institutional bodies - namely the Leadership Panel (LP) and the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) - and their strong connections to the global multistakeholder community. It draws on the past examples noted above, while conforming to the specific needs pertaining to development of the GDC.

We strongly believe that a close collaboration between the Co-facilitators and the Internet Governance Forum, leveraging our combined expertise and experience, will lead to a GDC built upon consensus-based commitments that can be fully implemented by stakeholders,

and will help the United Nations to comprehensively address the urgency and significance of global digital cooperation.

We stand ready to support you in this important endeavor and in your role as Co-facilitators. Likewise, we remain at your disposal to further discuss this proposal and questions that you may have.

Sincerely Yours,

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cc: Leadership Panel of the IGF, MAG of the IGF