

IGF Dynamic Coalitions & the Sustainable Development Goals

◆ DC on Core Internet Values

The Coalition's work on preserving the Core Internet Values results in the continued evolution of the Internet as a free, open, global, end to end, interoperable, robust, resilient and scalable Internet, globally valuable as an ecosystem for development. While the work of the Coalition directly and indirectly addresses the achievement of all the Sustainable Development Goals, the DC focuses on the following in particular:

SDG5: Gender Equality

The Free and Open Internet makes it possible for gender equality to prevail, and enables communities around the world to work further on women's empowerment issues. Working to close the digital gender divide is essential to fulfilling the mandate of having Internet access for all and preserving the core values of Internet access for all. This goal seeks to target specific solutions that will ensure connectivity and inclusivity to all. It focuses on women's empowerment through ICTs and this empowerment relies on an Internet that is free, follows open standards and is interoperable end to end.

SDG8: Decent Work and Economic Growth:

Internet enterprises increasingly generate employment across borders, bringing jobs and business opportunities to regions that were not in the global growth stream before the Internet, enabling exchange of knowledge and global collaborations; causing accelerated economic growth and generate decent work by allowing enterprises to thrive.

SDG9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure:

The pursuit of the DC-CIV is to preserve Internet's open standards, openness and Permissionless Innovation, all of which expands industry, promotes innovation and provides impetus to improve infrastructure. The flow of information causes an astounding growth of the digital economy and great increases in capacities and productivity in all fields. These core values make the Internet the vector for innovations.

SDG10: Reduced inequalities:

Global, end to end, free and open, the Internet becomes a seamless space for the rich and poor, north and south, men and women to connect to and progress. There are expanded opportunities for women, the young and the elderly, and the otherwise disadvantaged. As a **robust** network, Internet works not only in cities, but everywhere; **Interoperability** makes devices affordable for all; the **end-to-end** principle guarantees freedom at the edge; **Scalability** causes the Internet to balloon to include new users for reduced inequalities.

SDG 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable:

Internet's open technologies, and its interoperability across device types and platforms help cities connect its population, deploy devices such as the devices for emergency preparedness and thereby help achieve the goal of making cities safe.

SDG16: Peace:

Internet with its Core Values is already a level playing field for all nations, governments and citizens, and is causing a confluence of solutions which will not only enable the world to aim for Peace, but further ahead to cause 'Development in a more peaceful world'. The Internet with its values serves to minimise conflicts, and reduce the likelihood of war, enables local, regional, national, and global conversations and formal dialogues.

SDG17: Partnerships:

Values of Open Standards and freedom enable collaboration across borders; Private Enterprise and Community efforts lift language barriers thanks to online translation tools; the DNS bridges various language communities to publish and share across languages (IDNs); the open and global Internet makes cross stakeholder and cross border collaboration the order of today.