

Digital Public Goods Charter

The Sustainable Development Goals can only be attained by 2030 through better leveraging the potential of digital technologies, while also safeguarding against their risks. In support of the ambitious digital cooperation agenda championed by the UN Secretary-General through his Roadmap for Digital Cooperation and Our Common Agenda, we endorse the Digital Public Goods Charter (DPG Charter).

As endorsers of the DPG Charter we commit to advancing digital public goods¹ so that countries can build the foundational digital public infrastructure and data systems needed to provide safe, trustworthy and inclusive public and private services at scale, and to collaboratively address urgent global challenges such as hunger, pandemics and climate change.

To this end, we agree on:

1. The vital role of relevant, well-designed, and secure open-source technologies (digital public goods) that enable countries to build transformative digital public infrastructure, solutions and services that meet their contextual needs, while also enabling collaboration and cooperation across countries;
2. The need for countries to have regulatory frameworks and capabilities in place to protect privacy and other important human rights when digital solutions are planned, implemented, and operated;
3. The need for countries to have sufficient public, private and civil society capacity– including through the training of local talent–to implement, integrate, maintain and own their digital public infrastructure; and
4. The need for the public and private sector to invest sufficient and sustainable funding for digital public goods and digital public infrastructure.

In jointly committing to this vision, we recognize that as a diverse group of stakeholders the ways each of us can most effectively contribute will vary. We will therefore work according to our abilities, identifying and developing the most relevant pledges for each of us. We all commit to collaborating through this process to share progress on our pledges towards an overall monitoring and coordination framework, recognizing that our diverse contributions towards a shared vision is what will enable us to succeed.

¹open-source software, open data, open AI models, open standards, and open content that adhere to privacy and other applicable best practices (including the Principles for Digital Development), do no harm by design and are of high relevance for attainment of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).