

Multistakeholder Consultations (Mexico)

Good practice: Fostering inclusive governance through multistakeholder consultations on Global Digital Compact

Relevant DFI commitment: Protect and strengthen the multistakeholder system of Internet governance, including the development, deployment, and management of its main technical protocols and other related standards and protocols.

Type of the initiative: Institution

Stakeholder Group: Government

Launch/adoption: 2023

Goals

Mexico hosted regional consultations for the **Global Digital Compact (GDC)** to foster inclusive and equitable digital development across the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region. The primary goal of this initiative is to create a collaborative framework ensuring a safe, inclusive, and sustainable digital future. By bringing together stakeholders, including governments, civil society, private sector entities, and international organisations, the consultations aim to shape collective solutions to pressing digital challenges. The consultations focus on ensuring universal digital connectivity, promoting human rights in digital spaces, and addressing ethical and governance issues related to emerging technologies. Mexico emphasises the importance of regional perspectives and collective action, aiming to address disparities and empower nations across the region to contribute effectively to global digital transformation.

Description

The **Regional Consultations for the Global Digital Compact (GDC)** hosted in Mexico bring together diverse stakeholders to discuss and align priorities for a more inclusive and responsible digital ecosystem. These consultations align with the United Nations' goal of drafting a comprehensive Global Digital Compact.

Key elements of the discussions include:

1. **Universal Connectivity:** Participants emphasised the need to expand affordable and equitable internet access across underserved regions. Solutions focused on infrastructure investment and policies to bridge the digital divide.
2. **Human Rights in Digital Spaces:** Ensuring privacy, data protection, and freedom of expression are core elements of the compact. The consultations addressed regulatory frameworks and best practices for safeguarding human rights online.
3. **Ethics and Governance in Emerging Technologies:** Stakeholders discussed the ethical challenges of artificial intelligence, highlighting the need for transparent and accountable governance structures to mitigate risks and biases.
4. **Digital Inclusion:** The event prioritised integrating marginalised groups, including women, Indigenous peoples, and rural communities, into the digital economy. Emphasis was placed on tailored policies to ensure equitable participation.
5. **Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration:** A central theme of the consultations was the need for ongoing dialogue among governments, private sectors, and civil society to ensure that digital policies address diverse needs and perspectives.

By hosting these consultations, Mexico demonstrates leadership in shaping the global digital agenda, providing a platform for the LAC region to voice its priorities. The initiative strengthens the region's contributions to the GDC, advancing a unified vision for an inclusive and sustainable digital future.

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