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# #SystemTransformation

## Roadmap

### GeSI's Commitment and Call for Action to Make the SDGs a Reality

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# Three categories of barriers need to be overcome to harness the transformative power of digital solutions for SDG achievement



## Rules of the Game

E.g.,

- Inadequate regulatory environment in all regions, e.g., over-regulation of ICT sector in developed regions
- Limited awareness about digital solutions' potential towards SDG achievement among other stakeholders in all regions

## Supply

E.g.,

- Lack of available capital for financing in all regions
- Lack of integrated standards across technologies in all regions



## Demand

E.g.,

- Lack of ICT skills in all regions
- Low affordability of ICT solutions in developing regions and least developed countries



# GeSI calls for joint action to overcome barriers and harness the transformative power of digital solutions for SDGs

## Partnerships for joint action

### ICT industry, e.g.,

- Raising stakeholders' awareness of the potential of digital solutions towards SDG achievement and supporting stakeholders to engage
- Engage with policy makers and other relevant stakeholders to create a market environment that works towards realizing the SDGs
- Fostering cross-industry collaboration and partnerships to boost positive private sector impact
- Improving the relevance of services towards SDG achievement, e.g., by adapting business models to low-income customers
- Taking responsibility on possible concerns about digital solutions' societal impact, e.g. digital trust



### Policy makers

- e.g., improving ease of doing business and raise digital literacy rates through education

### Multilaterals

- e.g., establishing risk-sharing mechanisms via Public-Private Partnerships and enable multi-stakeholder dialogues

### Businesses from other industries

- e.g., collaborating to support the conversion of international standards

### NGOs and donor organizations

- e.g., developing new and innovative projects that harness the potential of digital solutions for improving peoples lives, especially in resource constraint and marginalized environments

# GeSI has made three strong commitments and will make the SDG agenda its central framework for action up to 2030

- To **steer the transformation** GeSI will monitor and transparently report ICT industry progress towards SDG achievement
- To **maximize positive impact on SDGs** GeSI will support its members to scale the digital solutions that are most required for SDG achievement
- To **foster responsibility and engagement** GeSI will develop principles for ICT industry responsibility and build and nurture strong partnerships for SDG achievement

# GeSI's roadmap moves from shaping the approach, to pilot delivery, to supporting impact at scale

## System Transformation through digital solutions



# For each commitment GeSI has prioritized a set of activities to support SDG achievement

## Commitments

## GeSI priority activities



### Steering the transformation

- Monitor progress of digital solutions / ICT industry contribution towards SDG achievement and publish annual progress reports on all SDGs
- Ensure alignment of all GeSI activities with SDG framework and inform prioritization of GeSI activities



### Maximizing positive impact on SDGs

- Publish insights and analysis on specific SDG impact areas to share best practices and encourage action
- Support members to develop and scale digital solutions most required for SDG achievement



### Fostering responsibility and engagement

- Develop and monitor overall principles of ICT industry responsibility
- Foster partnerships on SDG achievement, e.g., via identifying relevant stakeholders, enabling dialogue, etc.
- Organize annual/bi-annual events to share progress, launch and renew partnerships and catalyze action towards SDGs

