LAUNCH OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S ROAD MAP
FOR DIGITAL COOPERATION
[as of 2 June]

1. Background

On 11 June 2020, it is planned that the Secretary-General will announce the issuance of his report, *Roadmap for Digital Cooperation*, during the Thematic Debate organized by the President of the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, on the impact of rapid technological change on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets. The Secretary-General's Roadmap will respond to the recommendations of his High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation[1] on key issues such as digital connectivity, digital inclusion, human rights, artificial intelligence, and trust and security.

2. Thematic presentation events

In follow-up to the launch of the Roadmap by the Secretary-General, the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General is organizing a series of meetings and events on digital cooperation, aiming to discuss the 'achievable and realistic objectives' to enhance digital cooperation across the core areas of digital technologies, outlined in the Roadmap. In particular, this series of meetings and events will focus on how the specific suggestions contained in the Roadmap, which build on the follow-up work of the Roundtables, could be advanced and implemented by different stakeholder groups, including governments, the private sector, civil society organizations, the technical community, academia, and United Nations agencies.

Overview | **The State of the Digital World Today and Implementing the Roadmap**

- Overview of the Roadmap (13:30–15:30, 1 day): Introduce the Roadmap; remarks and observations on broader state of digital world today by invited high-level speakers

Key Actions | **High-Level Dialogue on Implementation of the Roadmap**

- Discussion on the implementation of the Roadmap (9:00–12:00, 2 days): Vision and action plans by high-level representatives of Member States, Champions, and Key Constituents of Expert Roundtables

Fireside Chat | **Our Digital Future—The United Nations' Vision**

- Public-facing discussion between USG Fabrizio Hochschild and invited guests (10:00–11:00, 1 day), in which the USG explains the major issues of the Roadmap and how digital technologies are transforming our society to a general audience. Audience Q&A included.

3. Target audience and online platform

All United Nations Member States, members of the Expert Roundtable Groups, as well as other stakeholder groups, will be invited to this series of events. In particular, the "Champions" and "Key Constituents" of the Expert Roundtables, will be invited as high-level speakers to share their vision, strategies, and action plans to implement the objectives with global participants. This series of events will be held online.

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[1] The High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation was convened by the United Nations Secretary-General to advance global multi-stakeholder dialogue on how we can work better together to realize the potential of digital technologies for advancing human well-being while mitigating the risks. In June 2019, the Panel submitted its report, *The Age of Digital Interdependence*. Since then, the Office of Under Secretary-General Hochschild has been tasked with coordinating follow-up on the implementation of the Report's recommendations, convening eight Expert Roundtables comprising multi-stakeholder experts, including governments, international organizations, the private sector, the technical community, civil society organizations, and academia, in discussions on how to take forward the Panel's recommendations.

4.   Draft Programme

Thursday, 11 June 2020   Presentation of the Roadmap

Timing	Session	Session Description
10:00 – 13:00	Thematic Debate organised by the President of the General Assembly	Convened by the President of the General Assembly, in accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/73/17 of 26 November 2018, this event will take stock of progress made on the impact of rapid technological change on the Sustainable Development Goals and Targets. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will speak at the opening segment, chaired by the President of the General Assembly.
13:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-15:30	The State of the Digital World Today and Implementing the Roadmap	**13:30** Welcome and overview of programme by Under-Secretary General Fabrizio Hochschild, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General **13:33** Introduction of the roadmap for digital cooperation by Mr. Hochschild **13:40** Remarks by eminent persons and high-level representatives of: - Member States - Private sector - Civil society - Academic and technical communities **14:30** Statements and questions from the audience **15:00** Reactions from speakers **15:25** Summary of key points and remarks by Mr. Hochschild

Friday, 12 June 2020   Dialogue on Implementation of the Roadmap

Timing	Session	Session Description
09:00 – 09:30	Opening	**9:00** Overview remarks
09:30 – 12:00	The Way Forward: Key Areas I and II	**The Way Forward I: Connectivity, Digital Public Goods, and Inclusion [70 minutes]** **9:30** Global connectivity **9:50** Digital public goods **10:20** Digital inclusion **10:40 Intermission [10 minutes]** **The Way Forward II: Digital Capacity-Building and Human Rights [70 minutes]** **10:50** Digital capacity-building **11:10** Digital human rights **11:58** Closing by Mr. Hochschild

Monday, 15 June 2020   Dialogue on Implementation of the Roadmap (Continued)

Timing	Session	Session Description
09:00 – 09:30	Opening	**9:00** Overview remarks
09:30 – 12:00	The Way Forward: Key Areas III and IV	**The Way Forward III: Artificial Intelligence and Global Digital Cooperation [60 minutes]** **09:30** Artificial intelligence **10:00** Global digital cooperation **10:30 Intermission [10 minutes]** **The Way Forward IV: Digital Trust and Security and Other Key Areas [80 minutes]** **10:40** Digital trust and security **11:20** Other key areas **11:58** Closing by Mr. Hochschild

Tuesday, 16 June 2020   Live Q&A on Roadmap during Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group Meeting

Timing	Session	Session Description
10:15 – 11:15	Live Q&A on Roadmap	**10:15** Q&A on the United Nations Secretary-General's *Roadmap for Digital Cooperation*

Wednesday, 17 June 2020   Fireside Chat

Timing	Session	Session Description
10:00 – 11:00	Fireside Chat: Our Digital Future—The United Nations' Vision	**10:00** Panel discussion with Mr. Hochschild on the Roadmap and the broader issues at hand regarding the digital era **10:40** Q&A with the audience **10:58** Host thanks Mr. Hochschild and audience and closes session