

G7 Digital and Tech Track Annex 4

G7 Action Plan for Open, Free, Global, Interoperable, Reliable, and Secure Internet

1. We resolve to work together to identify priority fora for the joint promotion of the Declaration for the Future of the Internet (DFI) and in implementing its principles into action. In particular, we seek ways in which we can integrate a multi-stakeholder approach to promoting DFI and implementing its principles, such as at the UN IGF 2023 in Kyoto, and commit to engage multi-stakeholder communities around the world.
2. We are committed to promoting multi-stakeholder engagement in relevant Internet governance bodies and to encouraging partner developing countries to build capacity to increase their engagement as well as identify problems, trends and challenges related to Internet governance. In particular, we recognise the importance of increasing representation of underrepresented groups such as youths, women, girls, LGBTQI+, and other marginalized sections of the population. We also reaffirm our commitment to make the Internet a safe and secure place for everyone. We resolve to also promote online safety, ensuring children are well-protected online.
3. We collaborate in regard to the promotion and development of the open Internet in developing and emerging economies, such as through the G7 Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment, and the EU Global Gateway initiative. In particular, we resolve to collaborate with African countries and across developing countries to promote successful and locally-driven models of open Internet deployment and governance that are emerging in the African context.
4. We seek to collaborate in addressing Internet freedom issues such as Internet shutdowns, network restrictions and digital mass-surveillance. We reaffirm a multi-stakeholder approach to analyse, make visible and address these challenges, working with like-minded countries, technical experts, civil society organizations and the private sectors. We seek to intensify our collaboration with digital rights organizations and initiatives such as the Freedom Online Coalition and its Task Force on Internet Shutdowns.
5. We call for a points of contact group to work towards a positive vision for the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes in 2025 (WSIS+20) and discuss upcoming UN processes focused on digital cooperation. Within our respective countries, we pledge to take an inclusive approach and undertake robust and ongoing consultations with multi-stakeholder communities toward the Global Digital Compact and the WSIS+20 Review process. This will include multi-stakeholder events alongside future G7 meetings, and we welcome the multi-stakeholder event to be held under Japan's G7 Presidency.