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1. How would you define, or how do you understand, the theme "Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion"?

Connecting and enabling the next billion means reaching out to the far corner of the world in creating better opportunity of expanding the horizon of communication and access. The main aim of connecting the next billion is to help people become more aware, sustainable and increase the possibility of communication for development and growth. Having said that Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion also refer to raising awareness and guidance about the internet governance process and giving them a right to information as well.

2. The first phase of Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion (2015) identified a set of policy options aimed at the creation of enabling environments, including deploying infrastructure, increasing usability, enabling users, and ensuring affordability. What are the factors to consider when adopting these policy options at local levels (e.g. the state of a country's market development, the available infrastructure, level of capacity-building, etc.).

Policy option cannot work, if they is no possibility of flexible and communication in terms of adaptation and management process. I think Internet governance process in terms of internet development policy needs to be abide by
1. Acceptance of International open standards
2. Standardization of values
3. Adoption of international human right charters
4. Acceptance of values of technology and cooperation
5. Adaptation of proper communication channel
6. Proper research and survey in terms of voices and needs
7. Multistakeholder cooperation and values
8. Capacity building and awareness campaigns
9. Open vision and transparency

3. Are you aware of any specificities around connectivity at a local or regional level? (In other words, do you know of factors that impact connectivity in, for instance, rural areas but less so at an urban level? Or factors that affect connectivity at regional or larger scale, but not as noticeably at local or smaller scale?)

I think the factors that impact connectivity in for instance rural areas so at an urban level are
1. Cost of device
2. Cost of internet
3. Quality of internet
4. Competition in the market
5. Flexible internet policy
6. Governments attitude towards online governance
7. Better quality internet packages for use (unlimited packages)
8. Management and operation policies of regulators
9. Regular user behavior analysis and evaluation

4. Data shows that the growth of Internet adoption is slowing down in some areas, especially as broadband services extend to more remote, less densely populated areas (facing challenges beyond affordability and availability).1 What are some of the barriers or limitations preventing people who do have Internet access from being enabled or empowered through such connectivity?

Basically the internet needs to adopt the concept of its popularity. The barriers or limitations preventing people who do have Internet access from being enabled or empowered through such connectivity are
1. Lack of knowledge or information about proper internet use
2. High price of internet
3. Low quality
4. Hard rules and regulation
5. Restriction and surveillance
6. Lack of proper awareness programs and capacity building
7. Lack of infrastructure
8. Lack of proper policy
9. Lack of standardization

5. What does meaningful access mean?

Meaningful access means connecting the internet for development and growth in terms of socio, cultural economic development. It directly reflect the process of enable people to exchange knowledge, sharing ideas and communication, creating better prospect of business, enabling entrepreneurship, helping better innovation, creating better means of research and communication, advancing technology,   and many other for the human evolution process to give meaning towards creating a better future for human values.

6. How can connectivity contribute to reaching the new SDGs?

Connectivity can surely contribute to reaching the new SDGs as internet helps in communication and collaboration which directly effects with people's perception and values.   The success stories and strategy that is needed can be used and shared through various channel of communication in creating better operation and management process. Internet can help with providing various aspect of communication and knowledge sharing as well as food for thinking process. Human evolution has evolved to this age of technology due to communication and collaboration among its counterpart, we learnt and adapted. In today's world technology helps us to learn and adapt for betterment and communication.

SDGs are directed towards human development and growth, internet connects and collaborates toward sharing and communication which certainly facilitates our human evolution process.

7. Do you know examples of stories where using ICTs to support development has not worked, and why?

Yes in variable cases, using ICTs to support development has not worked as there has been a gap in the process of communication and adaptation. I think technology has no definition of standards it's the ways of adaptation. In many of the cases the values and cooperation of the developed nations rules in and fails to understand the lower economy's needs. The lack of understanding further creates a vacuum in responding towards the values of the lower economies.

The first rule of the story is to first understand the values of the people and economies and then to adapt and create better strategy of cooperation and collaboration. Moreover the involvement of international non-governmental organization (INGO) instead of local organization in the development process further creates a vagueness of just creating report than working for the cause. We need to change at individual level not just at policy level. If there is a change in policy level without addressing the ground level there is no use of the change.

8. Can you think of ways in which ICTs or Internet connectivity could be used to 1 Broadband Commission (2015). The State of Broadband 2015. Available online: http://www.broadbandcommission.org/documents/reports/bb-annualreport2015.pdf. Help reach the SDGs?

Yes in so many ways it can be used.

9. Do you know of examples of success stories that can illustrate how Internet access can help to address real-world problems (in either developed or developing countries)? For example, do you have stories or experiences to share regarding some or all of the following SDG-related questions:

• How can connecting and enabling users help to reduce poverty in its various forms? (SDG 1)

I think there are various ways to use internet as a tool entrepreneurship. Through internet various skills can be learnt and various online learning option are available. Farmers can learn better process of using pesticides and further can communicate and reach out to search of expertise sitting at their homes. But first a level of awareness in terms of capacity building needs to be done.

In Nepal a lot of youths are involved with opening social media shops for example.
https://www.facebook.com/Sattvathestylebook/
Is a Facebook online store which sells clothes and other electronic items online through Facebook similarly there are hundreds of online shops in Instagram, viber etc where young people are innovating their ideas to use the services of connective and reaching out to the people

• How can connecting and enabling users help to end hunger, achieve food security and support improved nutrition? (SDG 2)

Especially during the disaster and crisis situation internet can be used as a tool of proper communication and reach in communicating the safety and further managing the resources.

During earthquake Nepal, we from rayznews collaborated with various internet users through facebook to communicate and manage with resources that were available as during that time in major earthquake hit region there was a lack of food and other resources and internet helped use to communicate and manage.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPnRQrxVktY

• How can connecting and enabling users help to promote sustainable agriculture? (SDG 2)

N/A

• How can connecting and enabling users help to ensure healthy lives and to promote well-being at all ages? (SDG 3)

Especially in Nepal due to its geographical terrain there is a lack of infrastructure in terms of communication, health services, and education.

Amakomaya.com is an easy and handy web-application designed and developed to support the pregnant women at the pregnancy period by providing the information about the change in her body during pregnancy period and safe pregnancy related information by the use of internet and mobile technology. By the use of internet, pregnant women can register to the application for the new account and by the use of username and password, pregnant women on her pregnancy period can get safe pregnancy information on audio, text and video content. Even these contents are supported on mobile. Amakomaya.com aims to inform and empower low-income, expectant mothers during her pregnancy and child delivery period as well as care during her pregnancy period and focuses the health of maternal, newborn and child health.

Impact of Maternal Mortality :
The pregnant women have to pay their life due to careless and lack of proper care information during pregnancy period. The lost of money and the possibility of chronic ill-health that can lead to lost opportunities to work and a poorer quality of life. Death of mother lead improper care of born baby and likely to die within two years and children without mothers are likely to receive adequate health care and educational opportunities as they grow up.

The main objective of this project is to protect the life of pregnat women and new born baby by the use of internet and mobile technology where the people are far from city hospital.

http://www.amakomaya.com/en

Due to this project the Nepal Government has recently introduced the Online e-health strategy 2016

• How can connecting and enabling users help to ensure inclusive and equitable, quality education? (SDG 4)

Right now due to reach of connection and connectivity people are more aware about the rights and values of respecting gender equality and quality of education. More and most often with the easy access of policy and laws people are basically more aware and focused towards their rights and ways of communication.

• How can connecting and enabling users help to promote lifelong learning opportunities? (SDG4)

• How can connecting and enabling users help to achieve gender equality? (SDG 5)

• How can connecting and enabling users help to empower women and girls? (SDG 5)

This is a more concept of what we are doing here in Nepal, me and my wife we run a facebook group named Alliance against women trafficking and violence
https://www.facebook.com/groups/wawtn/
   Through this group we have been providing free legal aid to women

• How can connecting and enabling users help to ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation? (SDG 6)

• How can connecting and enabling users help to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy? (SDG 7)

• How can connecting and enabling users help to promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth? (SDG 8)

• How can connecting and enabling users help to promote full and productive employment? (SDG 8)
• How can connecting and enabling users help to ensure decent work? (SDG 8)
• How can connecting and enabling users help to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation? (SDG 9)
• How can connecting and enabling users help to reduce inequality within and among countries? (SDG 10)
• How can connecting and enabling users help to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable? (SDG 11)
• How can connecting and enabling users help to ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns? (SDG 12)
• How can connecting and enabling users help to combat climate change and its impacts? (SDG13)
• How can connecting and enabling users help to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development? (SDG 14)
• How can connecting and enabling users help to protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss? (SDG 15)
• How can connecting and enabling users help to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development? (SDG 16)

• **How can connecting and enabling users help to provide access to justice for all? (SDG 16)**
• **How can connecting and enabling users help to build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels? (SDG 16)**
• **How can connecting and enabling users help to strengthen the means of implementation (SDG 17)**
• **How can connecting and enabling users help to revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development? (SDG 17)**