

## **Second IGF 2024 Open Consultations**

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Good afternoon to everyone in Geneva. Good morning from New York. Very briefly, and just to add a bit of an update, OSET has four main work streams at the moment.

The first is supporting, with UNDP, a Digital Public Infrastructure Safeguards Initiative, which is developing a framework to support safe and rights-respecting implementation of digital public infrastructure. Just as a heads-up, that framework — or the first draft of that — will be presented and made available on the margins of the UN General Assembly. We look forward to those of you who can join us for that event.

Second, a work stream on open source. On 9 and 10 July in New York, we will be convening an open-source ecosystem meeting to explore how open-source programme offices can accelerate and work together in support of SDG progress. There has been a series of workshops in different parts of the world on that theme. Some of you have already been involved, and we look forward to that engagement.

The third is support to the Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence. Just to flag that the final report of that body will be available by the end of August and will be presented more formally in the context of the General Assembly later this year and the Summit of the Future.

Fourth and finally, the Global Digital Compact. We serve as the Secretariat for that process, which has been underway for the last year and a half and is nearing completion. I understand that you had some briefings already this morning on the GDC, so I do not want to delay you further or reiterate ground already covered. I would simply flag that the themes in the Global Digital Compact currently under discussion reflect issues that were raised in informal consultations, surveys and open consultations that many of you participated in over the last year and a half. Many thanks for that engagement.

There are five objectives in the Global Digital Compact, and about ten areas within those that the Compact addresses, one of which is internet governance. I would say that internet governance is a relatively short section, specifically noting the importance of an interoperable, safe global internet, noting the importance of the Internet Governance Forum as the bottom-up multistakeholder forum for discussion of internet governance policy issues, and inviting Member States to support engagement, to support financing and to support diversity of the IGF.

The final section, also at the moment in draft form, takes note of the IGF, invites the IGF to support implementation, and notes the important role of the IGF in implementation and follow-up.

I should note, of course, that all of this remains under discussion by Member States, and as you will have heard today, we are at various phases in that process. I would be happy to answer any questions, or provide any clarity on where those discussions are going, to the extent that I have that information. But I will stop for now.

Back to you, Carol.