

Annual Report

Introduction

The DCE is a multi-stakeholder cooperation hub for everyone interested in matters related to intersections of environment and digitalization. Its work builds on the achievements made through the IGF's Policy Network on Environment and its report.

Its particular work focus relates to:

- Further dissemination of the PNE Report to relevant stakeholders;
- Further exploring the areas unwrapped in the PNE Report;
- Bringing focus on cross-cutting issues of environment, sustainability and Internet governance;
- Creating a multi-stakeholder hub to bring together stakeholders interested in the topic;
- Exploring the area of ecological data and handling of that data; cooperation to further FAIR and CARE data management of ecological data;
- Implementing Academia, Communities, Technology Experts Alliance (ACT Alliance) for Environment;
- Policy briefs on issues related to intersection of environment and digitalization.

Stakeholders

DCE multistakeholder organizing group

The group is open to everyone to join and participate in its discussions as equals. Initially, the coalition was formed by several stakeholders, listed below:

- Rainer M Krug, Department of Evolutionary Biology and Environmental Studies, University of Zürich
- Abhayraj Naik, Initiative for Climate Action / Azim Premji University
- Avri Doria, Technicalities
- Andrew Zolli, The Planet
- Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Internet Australia; NetThing (Australian IGF)
- Daniel Kalemi, University of California, Berkeley
- Elif Kiesow, THUAS
- Florian Cortez, Wageningen University
- Gideon Hayford Chonia, Chonia Informatica
- Leandro Navarro, Technical University of Catalonia (UPC)
- Michael Oghia, Independent
- Michelle Thorne, Mozilla
- Minda Moreira, Internet Rights and Principles Coalition
- Patience Luyeye, APC

- Shawna Finnegan, Association for Progressive Communications (APC)

Co-chair

Dr. Rajendra Pratap Gupta, Academy of Digital Health Sciences

Action Points/ Achievements of DC- Environment:

1. Major Thematic Report 2025

Environment as Economy & Economy as Environment

The flagship annual publication reframes the environment as foundational economic capital, the report provides:

- a. Comparative global case studies
- b. Survey insights across 25+ countries
- c. Intergenerational economic framework
- d. Policy architecture integrating digital and environmental governance

The report demonstrates that:

- a. Over 50% of global GDP depends directly on nature.
- b. Clean energy sectors are major economic growth multipliers.
- c. Circular economy systems enhance competitiveness and resilience.
- d. Digital tools (AI, IoT, satellite monitoring) can optimize environmental governance.

The publication contributes a systems-based economic narrative positioning sustainability as growth strategy rather than compliance obligation.

2. Official Release of the 2025 Report

The flagship report *Environment as Economy & Economy as Environment* was officially released on **June 2025** in **Lillestrøm**, during IGF Annual Meeting.

The release marked:

- a. Formal integration of economic framing into environmental governance discourse.
- b. Strengthened alignment with global sustainable development discussions.
- c. Consolidation of DCE's role as a thought leader in digital-environment intersections.
- d. Expansion of multi-stakeholder dialogue across regions.

The release catalyzed renewed engagement across academia, civil society, and digital governance actors, reinforcing the narrative that economic resilience is inseparable from ecological integrity.

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