

## Input for Global Digital Compact

Respected delegates,

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To realize the UN Secretary General's vision of effective digital cooperation that is instrumental to achieving the 2030 Agenda, the Global Digital Compact must center the G-77 vision of a "[just, equitable and non-discriminatory international economic order](#)", rising above narrow, techno-solutionist visions. It must confront head-on the unholy nexus between speculative finance and Big Tech corporations, to put the brakes on data extractivism that has become the route to further economic exploitation and universal precarization.

**The Global Digital Compact must set the terms of an audacious new path:**

**One. It must stop corporate impunity**

**Two. It must take data and digital rights beyond privacy towards self determination**

**Three. It must be grounded in a democratic multilateralism that works for all peoples, especially the most marginalized.**

**One.**

The impunity of tech corporations for worker exploitation, environmental destruction, and abuse of market power that leads to destruction of local economies, expulsion of small actors and normalization of violence and hate in the public sphere cannot continue. Big Tech must be held accountable for crimes against humanity and democracy.

**Two**

We need a new rights regime for data that straddles the protection of individual autonomy and community rights to political and economic self-determination. This is not only to secure protection against unwanted intrusion, but to assert the right not to be encroached – so that people can pursue the lives they value.

We also need public digital innovation for the Global South. Rich countries must meet ODA commitments for digital infrastructures in the South. International taxation and IP regimes must be rehailed, and trade rules must respect a fair and equitable digital economy.

**Three**

Digital cooperation must follow the vision of the WSIS, recognizing that stakeholderist governance promotes elite capture that impedes states from pursuing legitimate public policy objectives for a just digital economy.