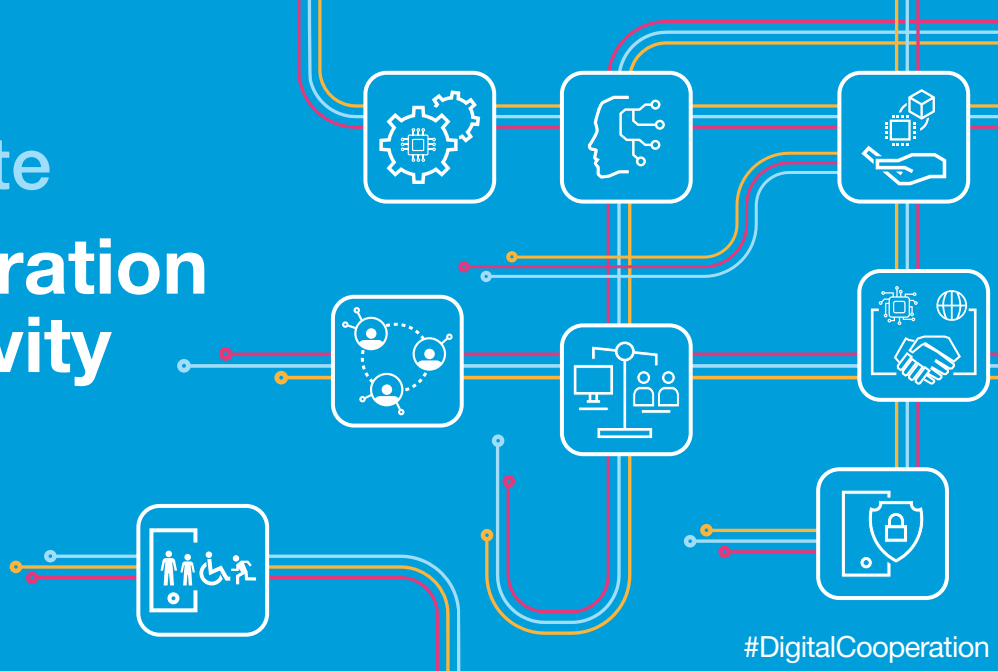


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## Programme

### Opening Segment 10–10.25 a.m.

**H.E. Mr. Volkan BOZKIR**, President of the General Assembly

**H.E. Mr. Munir Akram**, President of the Economic and Social Council

**Ms. Amina Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

**H.M. Queen Máxima of the Netherlands**, United Nations Secretary General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development

**Ms. Manjeet Kripalani**, Executive Director of "Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations"

### Video Presentation 10.25–10.30 a.m.

#### **Global Assessment of Digital Cooperation and Connectivity by the United Nations Regional Commissions**

### Mutli-stakeholder Spotlight 1 10.30–10.40 a.m.

**Mr. Patrick Gelsinger**, CEO, Intel

**Mr. Hans Vestberg**, CEO, Verizon Communications

**H.E. Mrs. Louise Mushikiwabo**, Secretary-General, the International Organization of La Francophonie

**H.E. Ms. Deema Alyahya**, Secretary-General, Digital Cooperation Organisation

**Dr. Ahmed Elmagarmid**, Executive Director, Qatar Computing Research Institute, and **Ms. Jennifer Colville**, UNDP

**Ms. Mireia Villar Forner**, UN Resident Coordinator in Uruguay



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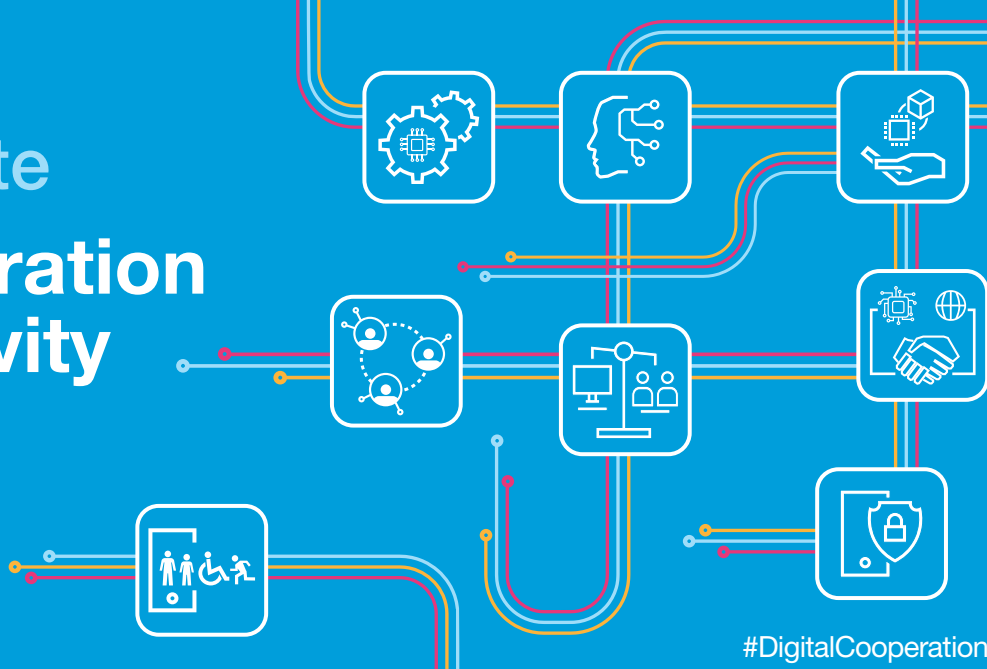


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10.40–11.30 a.m.

## Panel 1: Ending the Digital Divide by 2030: COVID-19 Recoveries To Accelerate the Decade of Action

### Speakers

**Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin**, Director of Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunications Union

**Mr. Joshua Setipa**, Managing Director of the United Nations Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries

**Mr. John Frank**, Microsoft Vice President, United Nations Affairs

**Ms. Eleanor Sarpong**, Deputy Director and Policy Lead, Alliance for Affordable Internet

**Mr. Rodney Taylor**, Secretary General, Caribbean Telecommunications Union

**Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen**, Chair of the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group, Internet Governance Forum

*Panel: 35 minutes*

*Q&A: 15 minutes*

### Moderator

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

## High-Level Plenary

1–2 p.m.

## Lunch

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Spotlight 2

3–3.10 p.m.

**Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly**, Executive Director, UN Office on Drugs and Crime, and Director-General, UN Office, Vienna

ITU: Child Online Protection Guidelines

**Mr. Bob Moritz**, Chairman, PwC International

**Ms. Stefania Giannini**, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO, & **H.E. Dr. Tariq Al Gurg**, CEO, Dubai Cares

**Ms. Alison Bryant**, PhD Senior Vice-President, AARP Research and Digital Equity

ITU: AI for SDGs



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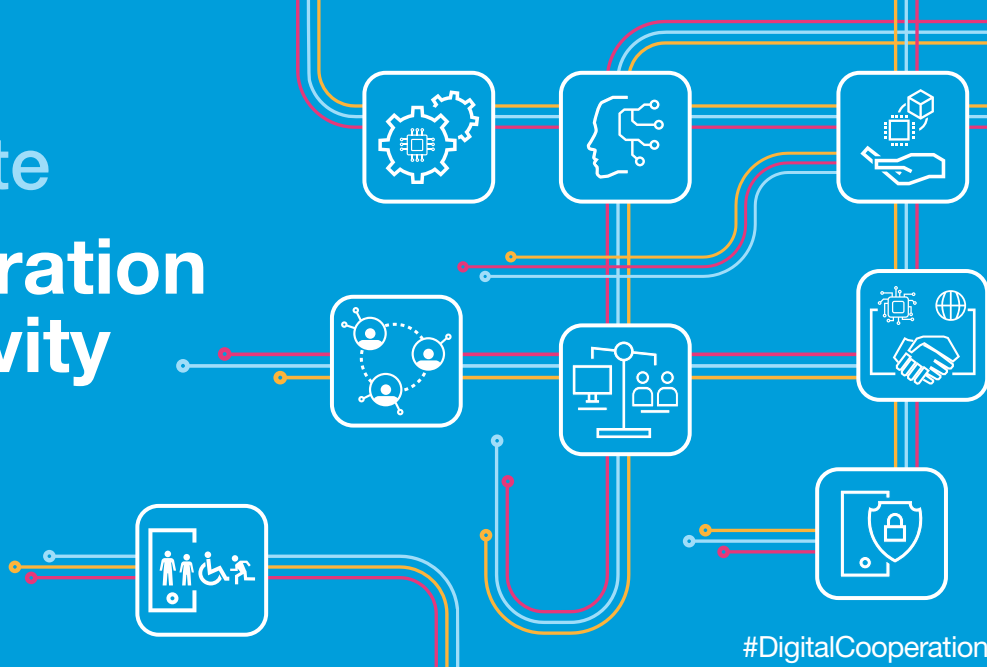


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3.10–4 p.m.

## Panel 2: Equitable Access and Digital Empowerment: Securing a Safe, Inclusive, Free and Open Digital Future For All

### Speakers

**Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano**, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and Officer in Charge, Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology

**Mr. Javier Villamizar**, Operating Partner, SoftBank Vision Fund

**Ms. Isabelle Durant**, Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

**Ms. Maria Grazia Panunzi**, President of AIDOS International, Coordinator of the Civil Society 20 (C20) Gender Working Group

**Ms. Solinn Lim**, Oxfam Cambodia, Country Director

**Mr. José Ramón López-Portillo**, PhD 10 Member Group, Technology Facilitation Mechanism

*Panel: 35 minutes*

*Q&A: 15 minutes*

### Moderator

**H.E. Ms. Paula Ingabire**, Minister of ICT and Innovation, the Republic of Rwanda

**Mr. Mats Granryd**, Director General, GSMA

**Mr. Max Schulze**, Executive Chairman of the Sustainable Digital Infrastructure Alliance

**Ms. Katie Patrick**, Environmental Engineer, Designer

**Mr. Manav Subodh**, Founder, Co-Founder, 1 Million for 1 Billion

### Mutli-stakeholder

#### Spotlight 3

4–4.10 p.m.



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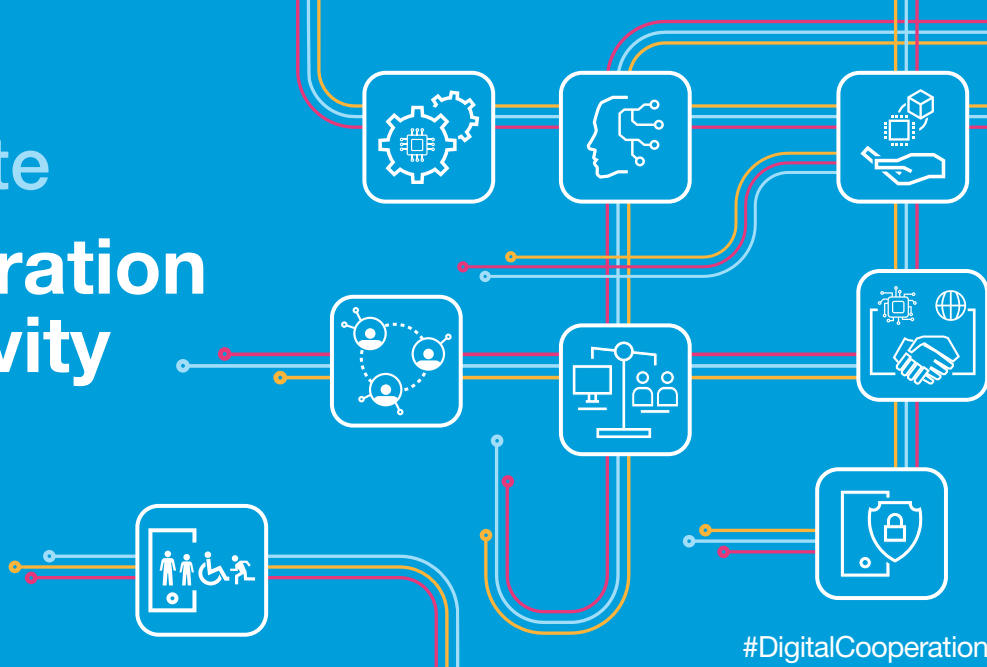


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4.10–5 p.m.

## Panel 3: Greening The Digital Future: Local, Regional and Multilateral Partnership

**Speakers**

**Mr. Luis Neves**, CEO, Global Enabling Sustainability Initiative.

**Ms. Damilola Ogunbiyi**, CEO and Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All, Co-Chair of UN-Energy.

**Dr. Eliane Ubalijoro**, Executive Director, Sustainability in the Digital Age.

**Mr. Maximo Torero**, Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

**Mr. Fred Machulu Onduri**, Coordinator of the Group on Technology Transfer, LDC Group on Climate Change.

*Panel: 35 minutes*

*Q&A: 15 minutes*

**Moderator**

**Ms. Rose Mwebaza**, PhD Director, UN Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN).

5–6.55 p.m.

## High-Level Plenary (continued)

6.55–7 p.m.

## Closing Segment

**H.E. Mr. Volkan BOZKIR**, President of the General Assembly



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