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building**

In closing the digital divide in support of financing for development, we must ensure gender and disability inclusion, specifically, inclusive digital infrastructure and accessible procurement for marginalized groups. International collaboration and initiatives on digital infrastructure financing should be inclusive, transparent, and publicly accountable.

In strengthening technology transfer, knowledge sharing and capacity strengthening, we must promote South-South sharing in STI, enable and support local innovations that respond to actual needs of people, utilize local capacities and sustainably use resources, and support development of endogenous technologies, particularly in developing countries and LDCs.

We must actively engage all stakeholders, including civil society in data collection and policy development to support driving technological innovation, and leverage citizen-generated data to enhance transparency and promote human-rights-based approaches and inclusion and accessibility in science, technology, digital transformation, and innovation.

We must enhance collaboration including the establishment of an inclusive, transparent, participatory global mechanism at the UN for the evaluation of new and emerging technologies, inter alia artificial intelligence, and their actual and potential impacts on society, including on marginalized groups such as persons with disabilities.

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