UNGIS input to the Second Stakeholder Consultation on the Global Digital Compact
(building on the UNGIS input to the 1st Stakeholder Consultation on the Global Digital Compact)

UNGIS serves as an inter-agency mechanism to coordinate substantive policy issues facing the United Nations system's implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), thereby contributing to improving policy coherence in the UN system, as requested by the 2005 World Summit.

Comprising of 38 members (details available on www.ungis.org), UNGIS has established itself as a valuable and successful model of digital cooperation, with two decades of experience in the field. As an existing body dedicated to interagency digital cooperation, UNGIS is well-positioned to help ensure that initiatives across the UN system are coherent, interconnected and coordinated, thereby maximizing sustainable impact.

Once the GDC is inter-governmentally agreed, the UNGIS and the various forums and activities that UNGIS agencies support, can be utilized to assist in its implementation and follow up.

Among these are specific platforms and mechanisms through which UNGIS members contribute to promoting an effective multistakeholder digital cooperation, including:

- The WSIS Forum and the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) as key platforms for promoting coherence and coordination among stakeholders in the digital information society; and

- The ECOSOC Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) which serves as the focal point in the system-wide follow-up to the outcomes of the WSIS process.

UNGIS contribution is further reinforced by the strong role played by the UN Regional Commissions, who leverage their regional expertise, networks, and resources to advance the WSIS agenda and promote the use of ICTs as enablers for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the regional level.

Highlighting the alignment of existing mechanisms, UNGIS could develop a matrix mapping the GDC priorities with the WSIS Outcomes.

UNGIS members are well-positioned to continue assisting Member States in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the upcoming WSIS+20 review process, and contribute to Member States' efforts to monitor implementation and review progress against GDC commitments.

UNGIS stands ready to be further leveraged for the good of the UN system and strengthened for enhanced coherence, coordination and collaboration within the UN system.