

Towards a Resilient, Safe, and Inclusive Digital Future

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In an era defined by rapid technological advancements and an urgent need for universal meaningful connectivity, the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development convenes its Fall Meeting 2024 against the backdrop of the UN General Assembly and the Summit of the Future.

This meeting will leverage the Commission's mandate to develop resilient, safe, and inclusive digital strategies. Discussions will center on envisioning the future of connectivity and exploring opportunities, challenges, and innovative approaches for enhancing digital resilience against disruptions and crises.

- Opening Remarks by Principals
- ***FutureScope: Designing the Next Era of Digital Innovation***

To set the scene, Special guests will be invited to address the Commission on how diverse sectors can collaboratively shape the digital future

- ***Breakout Session 1: Reinforcing Resilience against Digital Disruptions***

Infrastructure, especially digital infrastructure, is now the fabric of society, with modern economies and societies increasingly dependent on digital systems in all aspects of life, from education and culture to communication and information. Digital disruptions continue to bring unprecedented opportunities to societies. At the same time, we face a growing range of risks, from physical challenges, such as extreme weather events, space weather, unintentional outages, attacks and/or sabotage, to the manipulation and interference of information.

- ***Breakout Session 2: What the Future holds for Digital***

As digital transformation and AI continue to accelerate, the next 5-8 years will see unprecedented changes in emerging technologies, consumer behavior, and societal demands. Building on the insights from the previous discussions, this second Breakout session will delve into envisioning a future digital landscape that can not only withstand disruptions but can thrive despite them.

- ***Working Group on Data Governance in the Digital Age briefing***
- Closing remarks