

*Working since its inception in 2006 at the intersection of Disability Rights and Technology innovation, G3ict proposes to include in the Pact for the Future dispositions to leverage existing and upcoming technology innovations for the digital inclusion of 1.2 billion persons with disabilities including youth and women with disabilities and the fast-expanding population of older persons with multiple disabilities. The magnitude of those demographics together with the objective of the Pact for the Future to bridge the digital divide and support Human Rights are the foundation of this submission.*

*The proposals below, organized in the five template sections, encompass practical preliminary suggestions covering the digital inclusion of persons with disabilities including youth, women, and older persons with disabilities to be considered for the Pact for the Future.*

*G3ict's further concrete step will be to convene a multi-stakeholder workgroup including organizations of persons with disabilities, global technology corporations, digital accessibility policy makers and other interested stakeholders from sectors such as financial services, health care, e-government, or education to build upon those proposals during the first half of 2024*

## Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

### *Improving funding mechanisms to achieve SDGs for Persons with Disabilities:*

- *Ensure that all countries have financial mechanisms in place to provide funding for digital inclusion initiatives such as Universal Service Obligation Funds for equitable access to telecom and Internet services, including accommodations for persons with disabilities as per Article 9 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).*
- *Ensure that all countries have public procurement policies in place that include accessibility as a core criterion for the selection of providers of goods and services purchased with public funds so as to eliminate unintended discriminations due to the inaccessibility of services purchased with public funds.*
- *Provide guidelines for multilateral development agencies and regional banks to align their policies to the effect of ensuring that projects funded include considerations and plans for the inclusion of persons with disabilities including accessibility provisions.*
- *Focus international support for the dissemination of inclusive technologies on SDG Goal 4: Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all persons with disabilities, SDG Goal 5: Achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls, including those with disabilities. SDG Goal 8: Promoting inclusive economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for persons with disabilities and SDG 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.*
- *Encourage national authorities overseeing subsidized programs for persons with disabilities to acquire assistive technologies to use agile, flexible processes to take full advantage of lower cost of latest generations of technologies and the potential to leverage off-the-shelf*  
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*and facilitated by sectorial level playing field guidelines and regulations, and by organizing campaigns to address the lack of awareness of existing available solutions.*

- *To foster innovation in inclusive technologies as per Article 4.1.(g) of the CRPD through higher education and private sector research and development in promising applications of Artificial Intelligence rg*

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