

GLOBAL DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: A DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE

OPPORTUNITIES

Digital technology can help to:

- Open new economic opportunities
- Improve access to education, healthcare and other services
- Promote transparency and offer platforms for discussion and dissent



Over **90%** covered by mobile broadband, but close to **40%** of people are offline

USD 1 trillion in gross domestic product has been lost in **32** developing countries due to the gender gap in internet use

The ten least affordable countries for **1GB** of data were developing countries in **2020**

RISKS

Digital transformation can increase risks of:

- Human rights violations
- Cyber-attacks and data misuse
- Online disinformation
- Exacerbating gender inequality



In least developed countries, only **27%** of people used the internet in **2021**. In Africa, that figure was **33%** compared to **87%** in Europe

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DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION CAN HELP ACHIEVE A JUST DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR ALL BY:

- Ensuring policies and partnerships power an inclusive digital future
- Supporting national and regional building blocks for sustainable digital ecosystems
- Making digital financing fit for purpose with greater scale, innovation and flexibility





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