

World Internet Conference Global Youth Leaders Initiative

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As the digital wave sweeps across the world, we, as the young generation at the fore-front of the new era, are fully aware that the rapid development of digital technology brings immense opportunities for economic and social progress and for the advancement of human civilization. At the same time, it also presents a host of challenges. Youth are the builders and guardians of an innovative, secure, and inclusive digital future. We have benefited from the digital development path paved by our predecessors, so it is time for us to take responsibility and work together to build a universally beneficial and prosperous, peaceful and secure, and equal and inclusive cyberspace!

With this in mind, we collectively call for a united stand. Let us come together to share our thoughts and recommendations. Through critical thinking and experiences gained from our practices in different countries, regions and fields, we have reached a consensus that we must take action and work together through sustained efforts to build a digital world that benefits all humanity and future generations. As the World Internet Conference Global Youth Leaders, we jointly issue this initiative to the global youth at the Wuzhen Summit:

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Actively Participate in Developing and Implementing Fair and Reasonable Digital Policies

We advocate that global youth should actively engage in the development of digital policies, helping countries establish regulatory frameworks that promote digital growth and innovation, while opposing behaviors that abuse market access and hinder cooperation. We should also push for the establishment of a fair and reasonable global digital governance system, ensuring that all nations, especially the "Global South", have fair access to emerging technologies. We urge governments and international organizations to develop digital policies that promote international cooperation, enable inclusive development, facilitate the secure and orderly flow of cross-border data, enhance data protection and utilization, strengthen global cybersecurity coordination, and foster cooperation in combating cybercrimes and misinformation, jointly addressing the risks and challenges in the digital era!

We advocate that global youth should actively raise their voices on various occasions, urging attention to the rights of specific groups such as women, children, the elderly, and people with disabilities, as well as the cultural characteristics and economic development conditions of different regions. This is to avoid the creation and expansion of discrimination and bias in policy-making. We advocate for the widespread accessibility of affordable digital devices and internet services, support the development of digital literacy education in developing countries, and leverage emerging technologies to provide innovative solutions for developing economies, and promote shared development.



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Promote Cutting-edge Technologies for the Benefit of All

We advocate global youth to engage in the research on the development and governance of cutting-edge technologies such as AI, and actively participate in interdisciplinary and cross-regional research projects. We should promote the responsible use of AI, ensuring that it is universally beneficial and inclusive, safe and reliable, and transparent and sustainable. We must enhance ethical research on the application of AI and other digital technologies. Through international cooperation, we can promote the dissemination, popularization, and practical implementation of these research findings. Let us work together to ensure that digital

technologies serve humanity in meaningful and beneficial ways.

We advocate global youth to actively engage in the creation of digital development and governance solutions through intergenerational cooperation. Global youth should focus on the climatic and environmental impact of digital technologies, promote R&D in green technology and investment in green infrastructure, drive green and sustainable social development, and achieve harmonious coexistence between people and technology.

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Engage in Digital Technology and Industry Innovation Practices

We advocate global youth to actively participate in the development of open-source technologies and digital public goods, providing foundational tools for global communities, startups and industries, and promoting knowledge sharing. Let's explore the creation of open research hubs and foster innovative applications and shared achievements of technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and quantum computing on a global scale.

We advocate global youth to combine the experience of our predecessors with our own innovative thinking by building intergenerational mentorship platforms. By leveraging platforms such as the World Internet Conference, we

can connect young leaders, entrepreneurs, and experts, fostering collaboration between and among young innovators, seasoned entrepreneurs as well as academic and research institutions. This will allow us to share experiences and best practices, incubate new projects, and seize the opportunities brought by digital innovation.

We advocate youth worldwide to prioritize the common good of humanity in their innovations, adhere to ethical standards, ensure fairness and accountability in technological development, and actively address the social and ethical challenges that may arise from digital technologies.

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4.Promote the Building of an Inclusive and Shared Digital Society

We advocate global youth to promote the deeper integration of digital technologies into public social undertakings such as education and healthcare, build more powerful remote service platforms by leveraging technologies like 5G, big data, cloud computing and AI, and extend high-quality education and healthcare resources to remote areas, effectively narrowing the digital divide and promoting social equity.

We advocate global youth to promote the deep integration of digital technology with social initiatives through cross-sector collaboration, resource sharing, and complementary advantages, injecting new energy and vitality into the economic and social development of remote areas.

We advocate global youth to actively leverage digital tools to advance philanthropy and implement digital literacy, skill-training and science & technology popularization programs for groups such as children, women, the elderly, people with disabilities, and people in poverty. Let's broaden avenues for everyone to participate in building and managing a digital society, ensuring that more people can share the digital dividends and take part in digital society governance together.

Taking this opportunity, we represent the global youth propose to the global community as follows:

We hope that governments and private-sector stakeholders will provide more policies, funding, mentorship and other supports to youth-led tech community and startups. This will fuel innovation and create jobs, ensuring that the next generation plays a leading role in technology development. We advocate the all parties to develop digital literacy programs that empower youth with skills in emerging fields such as AI, streaming and the gig economy.

Let us take action! Through international platforms such as the World Internet Conference, we can harness our youthful energy and creativity to contribute our strength to building a community with a shared future in cyberspace, and jointly craft a people-centered and AI-for-good digital future!

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