Broadband Commission
2021 Information Session

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The Broadband Commission is a dynamic international leadership platform comprised of high-level CEOs, policymakers, NGOs, civil society and academia with the goal of bringing universal connectivity to the forefront of global policy discussions.

FOCUS AREAS:
1. Digital Cooperation
2. Universal Access
3. Resilient Connectivity
4. Affordability & Safety
5. Digital Skills
INITIATIVES BORNE FROM THE COMMISSION

GIGA
Giga is an ITU and UNICEF Global Initiative to Connect Every School to Internet by 2030, this initiative that was presented to the UN Security Council in 2020.

EQUALS
Equals is an ITU, ITC, GSMA, UNESCO and UN Women Global Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age.

CHILD ONLINE SAFETY DECLARATION
The Child Online Safety Universal Declaration strives to align relevant stakeholders on the common mission of championing the cause of the protection of children online.
The Commission is committed to mobilizing efforts to achieve the 'Global Goal of Universal Connectivity' in support of the UNSG's Roadmap and other connectivity initiatives and its 7 advocacy targets.

1) Establishing a baseline for universal digital connectivity.
2) Identifying and supporting public-private financing of universal broadband.
3) Advocating for enabling ICT regulatory environments, capacity building & online safety.
2.9 billion people offline in the world in 2021

4.9 billion people online in the world in 2021

Source: ITU Facts and Figures 2021

Note: being online means having used the internet in the last three months
Affordability gap
Mobile-data basket prices as a % of GNI p.c., 2020

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Source: ITU, Facts and Figures 2021

broadbandcommission.org/broadband-targets/
To ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all we must:
1. Promote hybrid learning for pandemic recovery
2. Adopt a national strategy
3. Promote whole of gov’t and PPP approaches
4. Establish stable funding
5. Anticipate emerging technologies

To finance Universal Connectivity, we must:
1. Widen the base of contributors
2. Earmark proceeds from ICT sector participants
3. Reform Universal Service and Access Funds
4. Create an international fund

2021 Recommendations included:
1. Leave no one offline
2. Protect users online
3. Consider the environment
4. Support innovative partnerships
5. Expand and streamline funding mechanisms
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