



GOOD DIGITAL GOVERNANCE

Everyone has the right to multilateral, democratic oversight of the internet and digital technologies.



In a democratic society, every citizen has a right to live and be governed within a transparent national and international system and a right to enjoy the freedom to access and participate in public life.

The internet was created with the utopian vision of an accessible, inclusive society that everyone in the world could inhabit democratically. But decades later, commercial interests have taken over, and far from being a space of freedom, the internet has become rife with misogyny, violence, and hate. Unchecked development of digital technologies and networks has negatively impacted women, girls, and other discriminated-against groups and marginalized people.

New forms of binding governance and participation need to be established for the digital realm to ensure better protection of our rights and freedoms to both safety and privacy, and to provide more effective access to recourse where infringements occur. The input of governments, technology companies, human rights organizations, civil society actors, and victims/survivors is needed to uphold and expand human rights to the fullest extent possible.

THE DIGITAL PRINCIPLES

- Internet governance should be multilateral, transparent, and democratic, with the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders, including governments, the private sector, civil society, and the people most negatively impacted – including women, girls, and other discriminated-against groups and marginalized people.
- All decision-making processes related to the governance and development of the digital space should be open and accessible at international, regional, and national levels.
- International human rights standards, the rule of law, and social justice must form the legal and normative foundations upon which the internet is operated, governed, and regulated.
- There must be recourse for illegal interference and violations of human rights in the digital sphere. This shall happen in a transparent and multilateral manner based on principles of openness, inclusive participation, and accountability.

