

Norway believes that digital inclusion is not only a technological imperative, but also a fundamental pillar of sustainable economic growth and human development. As a highly digitalized and progressive country, we recognize and take action to address both the transformative power of digital access and the dangers of excluding vulnerable populations from the digital economy.

We are committed to achieving universal digital access both at home and abroad. Domestically, Norway has successfully implemented national broadband strategies, achieving internet penetration of over 98%. Digital literacy programs, especially for older adults and rural communities, are key components of our inclusive policies. Internationally, Norway supports digital development in the Global South through its development agency Norad and actively contributes to the UN's Digital Public Goods Alliance, which promotes open source solutions for digital equity.

We call on the international community to adopt a multidimensional approach to digital inclusion, focusing on infrastructure development, gender equality in technology, affordable access and digital skills training. We support partnerships between governments, the private sector and civil society to finance and implement these efforts.