



Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development calls for people-centred solutions to achieve universal connectivity

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The Executive Secretary Mr Piotr Dmochowski-Lipski participated today in the virtual Annual Fall Meeting of the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development. Established in 2010 by ITU and UNESCO, the Broadband Commission seeks to boost broadband on the international policy agenda and expand Internet access across the world to reduce the global digital divide.

A year and a half into the COVID-19 pandemic that has even further exacerbated the digital divide, more than 50 Commissioners and special guests, representing government leaders, heads of international organisations and private sector companies, civil society and academia, underscored the need to accelerate digital connectivity to fulfil the United Nations Agenda for 2030, centered on 17 Sustainable Development Goals. They further affirmed that people-centred solutions must be at the heart of building a sustainable path towards universal broadband.

The Executive Secretary Mr Piotr Dmochowski-Lipski reminded that, on the path to global connectivity, it is important to combat disinformation and safeguard freedom of expression in cyberspace.

On the occasion of the meeting, the Commission released its annual status report [2021 State of Broadband Report People-Centred Approaches for Universal Broadband](#). While the Report highlights the progress that has been made in closing gaps and expanding the impact of broadband for all people on the planet, it also points out that a concerted effort is needed to reduce the disparities of access, adoption and affordability.

For further information, please refer to the [official press release](#).

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