

MODULE 11

DIGITAL INCLUSION

Article 11.1: Digital Inclusion

1. The Parties acknowledge the importance of digital inclusion to ensure that all people and businesses have what they need to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from the digital economy.
2. The Parties recognise the importance of expanding and facilitating digital economy opportunities by removing barriers. This may include enhancing cultural and people-to-people links, including between Indigenous Peoples, and improving access for women, rural populations and low socio-economic groups.
3. To this end, the Parties shall cooperate on matters relating to digital inclusion, including participation of women, rural populations, low socio-economic groups and Indigenous Peoples in the digital economy. Cooperation may include:
 - (a) sharing of experiences and best practices, including exchange of experts, with respect to digital inclusion;
 - (b) promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth, to help ensure that the benefits of the digital economy are more widely shared;
 - (c) addressing barriers in accessing digital economy opportunities;
 - (d) developing programmes to promote participation of all groups in the digital economy;
 - (e) sharing methods and procedures for the collection of disaggregated data, the use of indicators, and the analysis of statistics related to participation in the digital economy; and
 - (f) other areas as jointly agreed by the Parties.
4. Cooperation activities relating to digital inclusion may be carried out through the coordination, as appropriate, of the Parties' respective agencies, enterprises, labour unions, civil society, academic institutions and non-governmental organisations, among others.