

## **Digitalisation for development: reducing inequalities through technology**

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### **Opening Remarks**

Speakers

Bogdan Brunon WENTA, EPP Group Spokesman in the Development Committee of the European Parliament (EP)

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### **Keynote Speech**

Speakers

Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society

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### **Panel I: Digitalisation as an enabler of growth in developing countries**

Moderator: Uzo Madu, Founder of What's in it for Africa (WIIFA)

Speakers

- Shamika Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Harald Gruber, Head of Digital Economy at the Projects Directorate, European Investment Bank (EIB)
- Hardy Pemhiwa, Group Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Econet
- Titi Akinsanmi, Head, Policy & Government Relations, Africa, Google
- Aarti Holla-Maini, Secretary-General, EMEA Satellite Operators Association

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### **Panel II: Mainstreaming digitalisation in development cooperation**

Moderator: Uzo Madu, Founder of What's in it for Africa (WIIFA)

Speakers

- Paolo Ciccarelli, Head of Unit for Digitalisation, DG DEVCO, European Commission

- Laura Mann, Assistant Professor, International Development, London School of Economics
- Björn Richter, Head of Project, 'Digital Transformation for Sustainable Development', GIZ
- Lawrence Yanovitch, President of the GSMA Foundation - Mobile for Development, GSMA
- Ignacio Prieto Egado, Director-General, EHAS Foundation

Summaries of the session

**Helping the developing world's digital revolution**

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**Closing Remarks**

Speakers

Paul RÜBIG, Member of the Development Committee and the International Trade Committee of the EP