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I have an e-dream

- ➔ An e-dream of an inclusive society by 2030 where Science is not a barrier but an entry point for fully digital literate citizens
- ➔ An e-dream of an equal society where women and men have eliminated gender biases through powerful and efficient algorithms
- ➔ An e-dream of a green tech society where each computer, IT systems and infrastructures aim to reduce carbon emission worldwide
- ➔ An e-dream of harmonized tech regulatory framework for equitable share of tech giants' profits and investments in critical IT infrastructures
- ➔ An e-dream of a safe cyberspace especially for the most vulnerable ones including children

For this dream to become a reality, I foresee UN policies makers, Government, private sector and NGOs acting in a digital coalition, where they come together to address some of the most critical tech challenges of 21st century. This coalition will ensure that no one is left behind as our societies embrace the tech world.

Indeed, the challenges of digital revolution are not the technical ones, but the human one. As we laid the foundation of SDGs to foster the path of the society we want, we shall make sure that we move together and design our society not according to tech values or innovation but according to fairness, equalness, inclusivity, sustainability and humanity as identified in the Sustainable Development Goals.

From a private sector point of view, our economies haven been shaken recently, but Covid-19 could be nothing compared to the digital gap that it has revealed. Instead, we can leverage this pandemic and come together to enroll our citizens, our businesses, and our government in the digital economy. To me, the most important thing is not how it all started but the way we end it.