Summit of the Future Action Days Side Event

Intergenerational Dialogue For A Sustainable Future: Shaping Inclusive Society through Digital Power

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Background on the event (one paragraph)

The focus of "Shaping Inclusive Societies Through Digital Power" was to explore how digital technologies can be leveraged to create more inclusive societies and promote sustainable peace. Our key objectives were to: foster intergenerational dialogue, identify diverse perspectives on using digital tools for inclusivity, and establish a network of communities committed to harnessing digital power for positive social change.

Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

- **Data Bias in Digital Tools:** Data bias should be seriously considered when developing and testing a digital tool. This includes addressing potential biases in AI algorithms and datasets to ensure fair and equitable outcomes for all users.
- **Public-Private-Civil Society Collaboration:** Collaboration between the public and private sectors, as well as civil society, is essential for leveraging digital technologies effectively. This multi-stakeholder approach can lead to more comprehensive and sustainable digital solutions.

- **Cultural Sensitivity and Contextual Relevance:** Digital technologies must be culturally sensitive and contextually relevant to be effective. This involves ongoing evaluation and adaptation to ensure that technologies meet the specific needs of different communities. By doing so, we can ensure that digital tools are inclusive and respectful of diverse cultural perspectives.
- **Preserving Historical Memories:** Digital technologies can be used to preserve historical memories and educate future generations about significant events, such as the Hiroshima atomic bombing, using AI, 3D technology, and other innovative methods. These technological applications can create immersive and impactful educational experiences.
- **Inter-Generational Working Group:** The event resulted in the identification of key stakeholders for a proposed cross-generational working group dedicated to developing inclusive digital solutions. Participants committed to organizing follow-up workshops to further explore the application of AI and digital technologies for promoting peace and sustainable prosperity. This initiative aims to bridge generational gaps and foster collaborative innovation.

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)
- **Address Data Bias:** Data bias should be seriously considered when developing and testing a digital tool. Implementing rigorous testing protocols and diverse data sets can help mitigate bias and ensure more equitable outcomes.
- **Foster Multi-Sector Collaboration:** Collaboration between the public and private sectors, as well as civil society, is essential for leveraging digital technologies effectively. Establishing platforms for regular dialogue and joint initiatives can facilitate this collaboration.
- **Preserve Historical Memories:** Digital technologies can be used to preserve historical memories and educate future generations about significant events, such as the Hiroshima atomic bombing, using AI, 3D technology, and other innovative methods. Developing partnerships between tech companies and historical institutions can accelerate these preservation efforts.
- **Ensure Cultural Sensitivity:** Digital technologies must be culturally sensitive and contextually relevant to be effective. This involves ongoing evaluation and adaptation to ensure that technologies meet the specific needs of different communities. Incorporating diverse perspectives in the design and development process can enhance cultural sensitivity.

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