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no one offline.

The Internet has become an integrated part of our lives, from accessing an education, to receiving healthcare services and to conducting business. The digital transformation we are experiencing is spreading across the most remote areas in the world. The frontier technologies are opening new boundaries and possibilities for development. As we move forward, our dependence on the Internet and technologies will grow even further.

Meanwhile, the Internet also brings risks and serious dangers to our lives: cyberthreats, fake news, information misuse by terrorists, sexual exploitation and data abuse. As our dependence to the Internet grows, it is high time to think and re-think: how much can we trust the Internet?

To address this concern, more than 3,000 representatives from governments, the private sector, technical community and the civil society will gather in Paris on 12-14 November 2018 at the annual global Internet Governance Forum (IGF) to look at a range of issues ³, QWHUQHW

The IGF, convened by the United Nations Secretary-General, serves to bring people together from various stakeholder groups as equals in discussions on public policy issues relating to the Internet. The Forum promotes dialogue and encourages an exchange of ideas to better govern the internet so that it is a safe and trustworthy environment for all.

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The geospatial way to a better world

Governments and businesses are challenged to combat hunger, poverty, water scarcity, climate change, disasters and other perils, and to provide peace and prosperity for its people, leaving no one behind. Addressing these challenges requires evidence-based policy making, which is achievable with the use of geospatial data, statistical data and applicable technologies. Everything \pm all our challenges \pm happens somewhere and can be located, mapped, viewed, measured,

analyzed, modelled and monitored. Geospatial tools when applied, allows us to gain insight into data, reveal patterns and relationships ~~with~~ data and applicable technologies.

A special session, the Young Geospatial Professionals Summit, will be held to incorporate the youth perspective to these global efforts. It will bring to the table, young and rising talents in the geospatial information field, who will share their ideas and solutions in addressing global development challenges.

While the UNWGIC plenary program covers three days, the overall Congress will span over five days and include industry exhibitions, technology showcases, global and regional meetings, and technical side events. The event will culminate with the release of the Moganshan Declaration, expected to inform the global geospatial information management agenda for the coming years.

For more information:

[The United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress](#)

[United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management](#)

Gender statistics "€" for good measure

Over 150 statistics experts from around 40 countries will assemble in Tokyo from 14 to 16 November to discuss ways of improving data for evidenced-based gender policies. Coming on the heels of the UN World Data Forum, the 7th Global Forum on Gender Statistics will seek ways of filling the gender data gaps through international statistical standards and methods, latest

Bringing together producers and users of gender statistics from national and international statistical offices and other government agencies, international organizations, academia, civil society and the donor community, the Global Forum on Gender Statistics is a prime platform for finding and sharing solutions for bridging the gender data gap.

The Forum participants will review methodological developments, take stock of national, regional and international practices and strategies and discuss effective communication

- o Will you pick up trash that has washed up on a beach or riverbed near you?
- o Will you choose to buy products from companies that make sustainability a priority?
- o Will you take public transportation when possible?
- o Will you the light off when you leave the room?
- o Will you turn off the water when not actively using it?

Living more sustainably, in line with the Sustainable Development * R D O V 6 ' * V G R H V Q ¶ W have to be a chore. It makes financial sense ² for instance, mindful use of energy or switching to clean energy sources can save you money. It can even be fun! Supporting local businesses, sharing and reusing items, and participating in community gardens are easy ways to meet your neighbours and connect with them around a common goal.

If humanity is to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, we must all change our consumption and production patterns, live sustainably, and we must start now.

For more inspiration and to see ways you can make a difference, visit: bit.ly/lazyguideUN

For more information about the SDGs, visit: sustainabledevelopment.un.org



36, '6 LQFRUSRUDWH ODUJH VZDWKV RI RFHDQ DQG UHODWLYHO\ very vulnerable to climate change, particularly given the small land area that may limit options for adaptation. At the same time, SIDS are resilient, and also have many home-grown approaches to coping with extreme weather and managing their natural resources. There is strong collaboration between the SIDS regions on many issues, and this provides an opportunity for regions to learn from each other. '

What resources do SIDS need to build strong, long-lasting

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Frontier technologies have huge potential to drive prosperity and protect planet, but only if properly managed



New frontier technologies ² everything from renewable energy technologies to biodegradable plastics, artificial intelligence and electric vehicles ² hold immense potential to help the world achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and address climate change. But without appropriate policies, they can also drive greater inequality and increase social dislocations, according to a new report launched by the United Nations on 8 October 2018.

The World Economic and Social Survey 2018 produced by UN DESA found that renewable energy technologies and efficient energy storage systems are already providing technological solutions. New technologies have enhanced access to medicines and improved the wellbeing of the most vulnerable as mobile technologies and innovations in digital finance have made financial services accessible to millions in developing countries.

The Survey also found that while technological change has the potential to bring considerable benefits to people, the economy and the environment, when left unmanaged or mismanaged, new technologies will likely widen inequality within and between countries. Artificial intelligence, machine learning, and robotics automation, among other technologies, can enhance economic efficiency but at the same time create winners and losers.

The Survey found that while a country, a particular sector or an occupation may benefit from a new technology, others may gain little or even lose altogether as technological divides between and within countries are still significant and particularly acute in the area of rapidly advancing frontier technologies. Many developing countries are yet to fully utilize the technological breakthroughs of the past. Increasingly, innovations in frontier technologies are concentrated in a few firms and countries. Those who fall behind technologically will find it increasingly difficult to achieve equitable and sustainable development.

perform in 2019 strongly depends on how these risks play out. The pressure is on policymakers worldwide to ensure that the current challenges are addressed, and global growth stays on track.

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in SIDS, vulnerable to shocks associated with natural hazards, and explore new and innovative approaches to financing climate resilience.

For more information:

United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC)

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| 1-2 November,
New York | Expert group meeting on population and sustainable development in the 21st century |
| 12-14 November,
Paris | Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum |
| 13 November,
New York | Joint Meeting of ECOSOC and the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) |
| 14-16 November,
Tokyo | 7th Global Forum on Gender Statistics |
| 19-21 November,
China | United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) |