

online versus 1 in 10 people in the least developed countries. Data also reveal that more men than women are online.”

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52102#.V8WYqD4rLZs>

<sup>2</sup> How ICT can accelerate action on SDGs, Earth Institute of Columbia University and Ericsson, 2016.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations E-government Survey, 2016.

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.broadbandcommission.org/about/Pages/default.aspx>

Target 9.c of the SDGs therefore calls for significantly increasing access to ICT and providing universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020. The 2030 Agenda also launched the Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM) which is a key instrument to mobilize and support cooperation in support of science, technology and innovation for the SDGs. The forum convened for the first time in June 2016 showcased ICT and other technology solutions in support of the SDGs. The related SDG Goal 17.8 calls for fully operationalizing the technology bank and science, technology and innovation capacity-building mechanism for least developed countries by 2017 and enhancing the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology.

stakeholders thus have a responsibility in mobilizing international and national collective action to leverage ICT for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.