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Discussion Panel: Just Digital Life

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Systemic Transition Towards an Inclusive Digital Society

Systemic transition towards an inclusive digital society requires a sensitive transformation of our technological and societal structures to ensure that the benefits and opportunities of the digital age are accessible to everyone, regardless of their background or life circumstances. This entails not only addressing issues like digital literacy and affordable access to technology but also promoting equitable participation, diversity, and fairness in the core of digital ecosystems. It requires reimagining policies, infrastructure, and practices to bridge the digital divide and create a society where every individual can fully engage, innovate, and thrive in an increasingly digital world, while safeguarding the safety and security in their digital lives.

There is a long-standing global agreement on “participatory dialogue”¹ being the preferred tool for fostering inclusive society. Systemic co-design promises to bridge the participatory co-design practices and methods with tools for traversing and reshaping systemic perspectives needed for achieving the transition at the large scale. In the discussion panel, we will attempt to unwrap the involved challenges and opportunities, approached from the diverse, multidisciplinary perspectives of the panelists and the public.

¹Hemmati, M. (Ed.). (2007). *Participatory dialogue: Towards a stable, safe and just society for all*. United Nations Publications.