Global Digital Innovation & Investment Summit 2013-2015: Scaling Science, Technology & Culture to Meet the Millennium & Sustainable Development Goals

Key Questions to be Addressed for Transformational Change

- *What successes have the Millennium Development Goals achieved and what is the legacy agenda that will be inherited by the Sustainable Development Goals?*

- *Do the current SDG consultations adequately reflect issues that were missing from or under-represented in the MDGs and should now be included in the new global development agenda?*

- *Why has the holy grail of "scalable" and "sustainable" business models and solutions for public and private goods and services remained such a stubbornly elusive quest for academia, civil society, government, international organizations, and the private sector alike?*

- *How can we progress from the cult of "innovation for innovation's sake", the lack of adequate and appropriate investment in science, technology and cultural innovation, and the persistent false promise of multi-stakeholder partnerships as the delivery mechanism of choice, to create a virtuous cycle of democratized, digital development?*

- *What is the fundamental role of digital innovation and investment in development systems thinking?*

- *How can Science, Technology and Cultural Innovation be mainstreamed in the SDG agenda?*

- *What should be the R&D priorities for future scientific, technological and cultural innovation in discovery, development and delivery?*

- *How can science, technology and cultural innovation help to universalize sustainable development goals and targets while being consistent with national priorities and targets?*

- *How can we judge the affordability and feasibility of proposed Sustainable Development Goals, given current economic and social constraints?*

- *How will a new framework encourage partnerships and coordination between and within countries at all stages of development, and with non-state actors such as business, civil society and foundations in the digital space?*

- *What mechanisms will promote the convergence of national and international economic and social policies to improve governance and solidarity and decrease economic, social, health, education and gender inequities?*

- *What three big ticket items should governments, business and civil society champion to get digital investment via scientific, technological and cultural innovation at the forefront of the pre- and post-2012 global development agenda? Digital Health, Digital Education and Digital Jobs?*

- *What will be the ground-breaking digital health discoveries in the fields of biology, immunology, virology, zoology, ecology genomics, etc., that will impact health for the next 10-30 years?*

- *How do we unravel the "Gordian Knot" of transformational digital education for all?*

- *Can we reconcile the paradox of the digital democratization and disintermediation of youth and middle-class employment?*

- *Just how will payment and payback for digital public goods and services evolve?*

- *Who stands to benefit the most? Traditional mobile and fixed carriers and device makers, new content and social media providers, existing public service providers, NGOs, governments, or citizens?*

- *Who will be the gatekeepers and owners of digital ideas, information and infrastructure?*

- *What is the role of member states and the UN system in the new digital era?*

- *How can accountability mechanisms be strengthened via digital platforms?*

- *How can a new framework, supported by digital innovation and investment, tackle the challenge of coherence among the organizations, processes, and mechanisms that address global issues?*

- *Where will the current network mega-trends of broadband, smart mobility, cloud computing, social networking and big data analytics meet?*

- *How will these network mega-trends map to the seismic demographic shifts or democratic upheavals in global development witnessed in recent decades?*

- *How can robust and reliable Information and Communication Technology TARGETS be identified and agreed upon for ALL proposed Sustainable Development Goals?*

- *Who cares who wins?*