

BRIEF NOTE

What is the Global Development Conference?

The Global Development Conference is GDN's flagship event, held in a different region and on a different theme each year. It hosts high-level, inclusive, evidence-based debates on current development challenges and priorities, with most participants from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), which is its trademark. This event provides promising and established researchers with an opportunity to disseminate their work, share their ideas, and foment Global North-South interactions between academics and policymakers aiming to foster a global network. Moreover, it offers new, Southern perspectives on sustainable development issues and reinforces cooperation and development effectiveness. The format of this global event was expanded in 2024 to go beyond the traditional conference model and balance presentation of new evidence with capacity-sharing (workshops) and networking opportunities directly connected to the conference theme.

Why Inclusive Digital Transformation at GDC?

Inclusive digital transformation is essential for achieving sustainable development goals and improving lives, particularly in LMICs. Digital technologies offer opportunities to bridge gaps in access to information, education, healthcare, and financial services, empowering marginalised communities and promoting economic opportunities. However, digital transformation also presents challenges. While promising inclusivity, innovation, and efficiency, it can also exacerbate existing inequalities and reinforce power imbalances. This event will bring together diverse perspectives to foster holistic discussions on inclusive digital transformation. The conference will delve topics like equitable access to technology and addressing the digital divide, good governance in the digital age, digital technologies for climate action or the impact of digital transformation for the economy, the future of work, and social development.

Opportunities for Collaboration

We are pleased to offer several partnership opportunities, including but not limited to:

- *Sponsoring Plenary Sessions* – Gain visibility and establish thought leadership by contributing to high-level discussions with global experts.
- *Hosting Thematic Workshops* – Lead interactive sessions to engage with key stakeholders, drive policy conversations, and showcase your organisation's expertise.
- *Supporting Travel Grants for LMIC Researchers* – Foster inclusive participation by enabling researchers from low- and middle-income countries to contribute their perspectives.
- *Curating Special Panels or Roundtables* – Shape meaningful dialogues on pressing global challenges by bringing together influential voices.
- *Co-Producing Research or Reports* – Collaborate on knowledge-sharing initiatives that align with mutual areas of interest and contribute to evidence-based policymaking.
- *Showcasing Innovations and Best Practices* – Feature your organisation's cutting-edge work through exhibitions, case studies, or side events.
- *Custom Collaborations* – We are open to exploring tailored partnership models that align with your organisation's strategic priorities and objectives.



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