

DIGITAL AS AN ENABLER TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

Priorities and recommendations for a shared agenda

ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

In the Education Program of the 2023 Digital with Purpose Global Summit coordinated by Veerle Vandeweerd and Pedro Santa Clara, the message was clear: in a world of rapid digital transformation, there are both challenges and opportunities. The challenge is to ensure that we evolve to a just, sustainable, human centric and equitable world by using new and emerging digital technologies. The opportunity is the possibility to uplift all of humanity in the process. Education, a fundamental pillar of our societies, must be at the heart of this change. Herein, we present the recommendations that emerged from the Digital with Purpose conference in Lisbon, 2023 and invite all stakeholders to support its implementation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Immediate Transformation: Time is of the essence. Parents, governments, and students must acknowledge and champion the imperative need to overhaul our education systems. Our goal? To ensure universal access to education and that every learner is equipped for a digital, ever-evolving, world.

2. Bridging the Innovation Divide: Innovative teaching and learning methods are sprouting in various parts of the world. It is our shared responsibility to ensure that no corner of the globe is left behind, preventing a societal divide based on access to relevant skills and tools. For this to happen access and strong investment in connectivity deployment are of utmost urgency

3. Beyond Memorization: Today's world demands more than rote learning. It requires individuals endowed with emotional intelligence, social adaptability, and adept digital know-how. We must collaboratively identify and instill the competencies that foster resilience, discernment of truth from misinformation, and harmony in a diverse, fast-paced world.

4. Governments as Catalysts: Countries that champion the educational metamorphosis will shape the future. Governments have the responsibility to spearhead innovation, foster experimentation, and pave the way for a revolutionary lifelong learning ecosystem.

5. Universal Access to Quality Education: New technologies usher in the promise of personalized and continuous learning. By harnessing these tools, world-class, individualized pedagogic experiences can become a reality for every learner, everywhere.

6. Embracing the AI Evolution: Just as the calculator transformed mathematics, Artificial Intelligence like ChatGPT stands poised to revolutionize education. AI promises novel pedagogical models, enhanced learning trajectories, and invaluable support for educators and learners alike. We must harness its potential responsibly, ensuring ethical considerations and ensure that inclusivity guides its use.

7. A Call to the Private Sector: Producers of educational hardware and software, we urge you to align with the Digital with Purpose ethos. Innovate, engage, and rise to the challenge, championing a vision of a just, sustainable, and equitable global community.

8. The Journey Begins in Lisbon 2023: The 2023 DWP Summit in Lisbon has illuminated the path forward. The transformative shift in education is not a distant dream; it is an ongoing reality. We invite each and every one of you to join us in this vital mission.

9. Join us and register your commitments towards Lisbon 2024: This manifesto is a first step towards an action-oriented multistakeholder race to the top, where digital learning positively supports on the ground applications and social transformations in line with the SDGs. We invite you to register your commitments and contributions in the DWP registry to power a worldwide movement towards a future where every individual thrives, where societies prosper, and where education serves as the beacon guiding us through the digital age.

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