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Agenda item 9: Stimulating public sector innovation through digital technology and measuring the impact of digital government

For some years now, all governments have been deepening their open government policies, especially with regard to the digitisation of procedures, useful, for example, to guarantee the human right of access to public information. However, and this is something that has deepened after the Covid-19 pandemic, many times many requirements are established to access information that should be public or easily accessible, such as having previous users or digital profiles that ask for too much personal information. At the same time, these mechanisms most of the time remain unique and exclusive, without taking into account the enormous digital divide and possibilities of access to the internet that exist in our unequal societies. At this point, we raise the alert that digitalisation processes must contemplate alternatives that do not deepen the already existing unequal access society and guarantee of rights.