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## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

### UN DESA Organized an Expert Group Meeting on Addressing Emerging Requirements and Challenges for Policy and Decision-Making in Digital Transformation



“The world is entering the digital age, which is unleashing unfathomable opportunities for sustainable development. More than any previous technological transformations, the digital age is one of inter-dependence, calling for international cooperation among governments, industry, scientific and technological communities, as well as civil society groups...”

### Stories from the Field: Digital Transformation Key Driver in Social Reform and Growth



“Some African nations lead the world’s e-money businesses. Several are finding that leaving notes and coins behind is not only improving efficiency, safety and transparency, but it is also helping many people leave poverty behind...”

### Why Skills Development Is Key for Digital Transformation in Africa



“The ‘Digital Roadmap’ launched by the Pathways for Prosperity Commission this week correctly emphasises the need to put people at the centre of the digital future by equipping them with foundational skills in literacy and numeracy, digital skills and ‘soft skills’ such as communication, management, analytical thinking and problem-solving...”

### Digital Guide to Help African Countries Fast-Track SDGs, Paris Agreement and AU’s Agenda 2063 Implementation



“The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), African Development Bank Group, and the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD) on Tuesday presented the Guide for Integrated Planning in Africa...”

## IICPSD Discussed Digital Transformation, Skills and the Future of Work with the Private Sector and Development Stakeholders



“The United Nations Development Programme Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development (UNDP IICPSD) organized the panel on “Digital Transformation and Skills” during the 10th Bosphorus Summit in Istanbul, on November 28, 2019...”

## What Is Birth Registration and Why Does It Matter?



“In some countries, birth registration is taken for granted as the norm following childbirth. But in too many others, it is a critical step missing to establish a child’s legal proof of identity. Without it, children are invisible to their governments, meaning they could miss out on their rights being protected and upheld, as well as essential services like health care and education...”

## Birth Registration for Every Child By 2030



“Society first acknowledges a child’s existence and identity through birth registration. The right to be recognized as a person before the law is a critical step in ensuring lifelong protection and is a prerequisite for exercising all other rights...”

## Done Right, Internet Use Among Children Can Increase Learning Opportunities and Build Digital Skills



“Blanket restrictions on children’s internet use prevent them from taking advantage of critical learning and skills development opportunities, according to a new UNICEF report, launched today at the Internet Governance Forum in Berlin...”

## Lessons Learned from the Multistakeholder Process in the Philippines



“In 2018, we began collaborating with the Philippines’ Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) to develop the country’s National ICT Ecosystem Framework (NICTEF), a successor to the Philippine Digital Strategy for 2011-2016...”

## Digital Transformation Improves China's Urban Governance

**XINHUANET** “Digital transformation has become a new engine to promote the modernization of China's governance, according to a report from the Chinese Society for Urban Studies...”