



**Data Privacy Brasil's contribution for the Thematic Deep Dive of Internet
Governance of the Global Digital Compact**

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Dear co-facilitators and others present at this consultation. My name is Jaqueline Pigatto, I am a researcher at Data Privacy Brazil Research Association, and we are part of the Southern Alliance for the Global Digital Compact, which comprises civil society organizations from Bolivia, India, Kenya and other African countries, as well as Brazil. We are pleased to be part of this important process.

The importance of a greater coordination among different institutional spaces cannot be overstated in the global governance of the Internet. With the growing complexity and interdependence of the digital ecosystem, it has become increasingly clear that no single stakeholder or institution can address the challenges of Internet governance alone. **Greater coordination and interoperability between different institutional spaces**, such as intergovernmental organizations, regional bodies, and private sector groups, can help to ensure consistency in regulatory approaches and technical standards across jurisdictions. This, in turn, can help to foster trust, promote innovation, and facilitate cross-border data flows. Above all that, of course, we must prioritize respect for human rights and human dignity, facing the challenges and transformations of the Internet in our everyday lives.

It is very enriching that we have such a diverse ecosystem, with different spaces and opportunities - but they are of no use if these spaces do not communicate with each other and do not make progress on important topics for different countries. **The Internet Governance Forum has the potential to become an even stronger catalytic space, with increased participation from high-level government and private sector representatives, as well as more incentives and resources for civil society participation, especially from the Global South.** Therefore, we would like to have more clarity on the relationship that will take

place between the result of the Global Digital Compact and WSIS+20, with the very important renewal of the IGF's mandate.

At last, it is crucial to have truly global agendas that address the challenges faced by the Global South and respect the different contexts in global Internet governance. The digital divide remains a significant issue, with many countries in the Global South lacking adequate access to the Internet and digital technologies. Global agendas must take into account the specific needs and challenges of these countries, including issues such as capacity building, infrastructure development, and affordability. **Moreover, global governance frameworks must be sensitive to the different cultural, social, and political contexts in which they operate, and must avoid imposing a one-size-fits-all approach - especially when we start to look for data protection regulatory systems, artificial intelligence, and content regulation.**

Thank you!