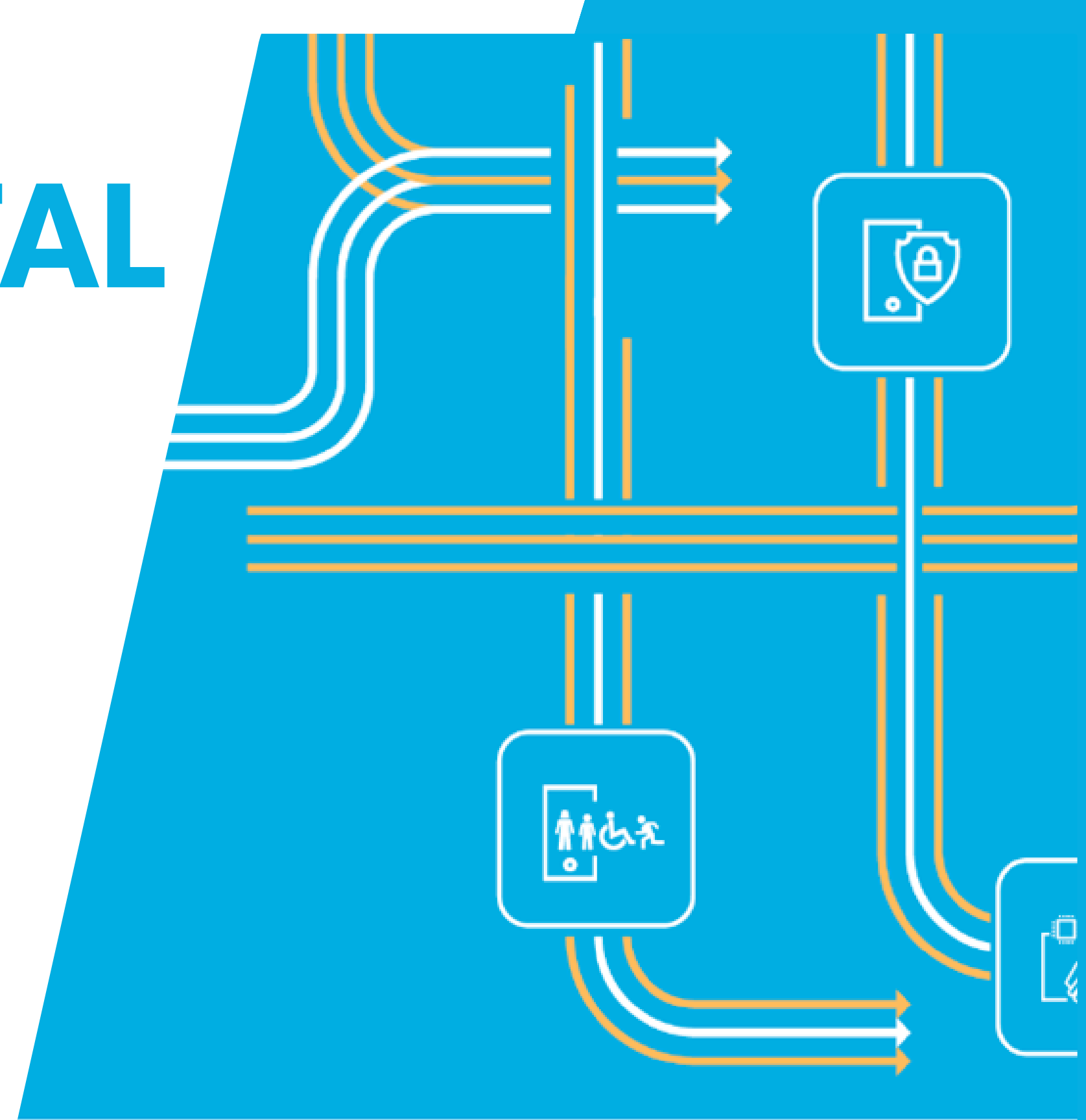


# THE GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT

*A brief introduction  
to the document*



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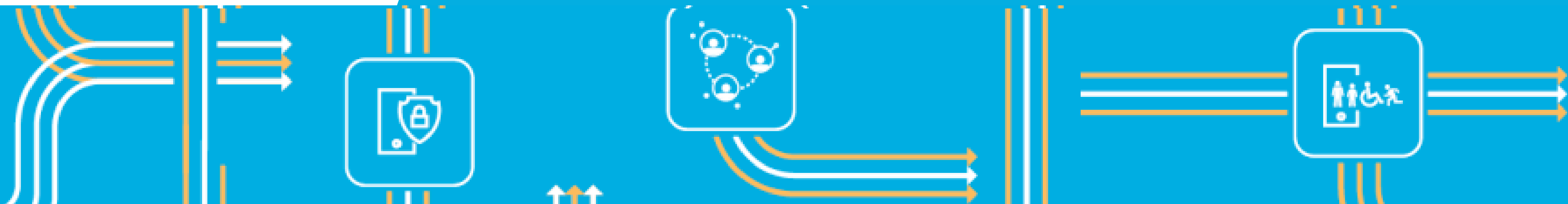
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# What is it?



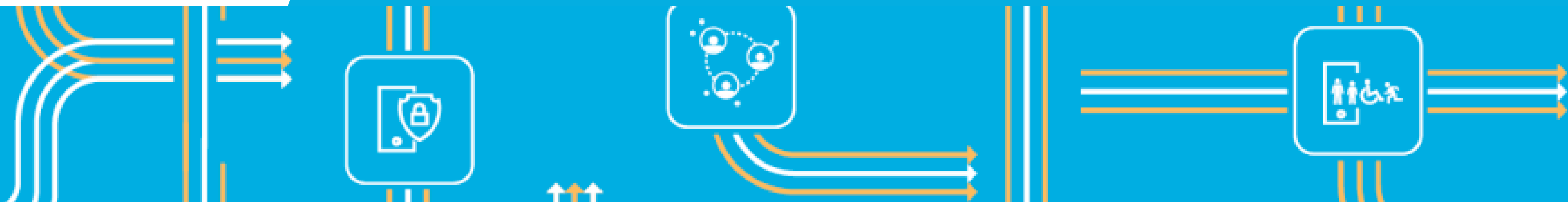
- Main aim: “to outline shared principles for an open, free and secure digital future for all”
- Document proposed in the UN Secretary-General’s Our Common Agenda report in 2021
- Coordinator: UN Tech Envoy
- Co-facilitators: Rwanda and Sweden



# Why should all stakeholders be involved?



- Multi-stakeholder approach to governance
- No single model
- Not perfect, but still aspirational in several situations:
  - decisions impact a wide and distributed range of people and interests
  - there are overlapping rights and responsibilities across sectors and borders
  - different forms of expertise are needed
    - Source: Internet Governance – Why the Multistakeholder Approach Works
- All the above are inherent characteristics of the Internet



# GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT: A TIMELINE

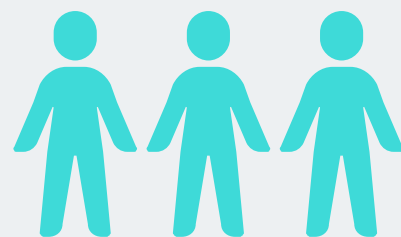
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2022 -  
2023

Consultations for Global  
Digital Compact:

- Contributions Survey  
(Deadline: 30th of  
April 2023)
- Thematic Deep Dives  
(Jan-Jun 2023)



May-  
Sept  
2023

Secretary General's  
Policy Brief & Co-  
facilitators' Letter  
on Issues Paper

- Based on the  
2022-2023  
Consultations



We are here!



2023 -  
2024

Multilateral  
Negotiations



Sept  
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Summit of the  
Future

- GDC will be  
agreed on  
here



Sources:

[Our Common Agenda: Policy Brief 5](#)

Check [DigWatch website](#) for more details

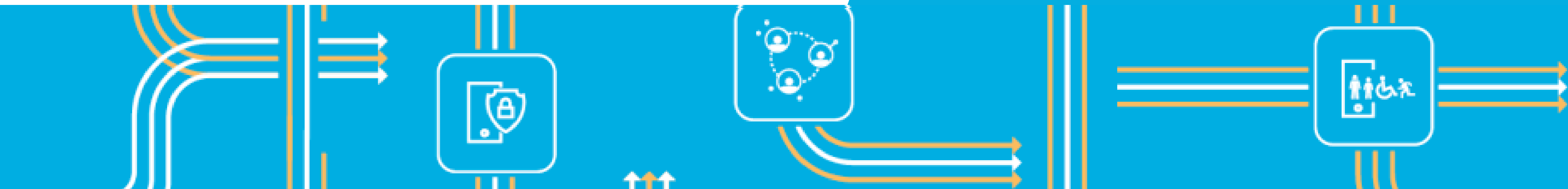
# UN Contribution Survey

(10th of May 2022 - 30th of April 2023)

1. Connect all people to the Internet, including all schools
2. Avoid internet fragmentation
3. Protect data
4. Apply human rights online
5. Accountability for discrimination and misleading content
6. Regulation of artificial intelligence
7. Digital commons as a global public good
8. Other areas

**2 aspects:**

1. **Core principles**
2. **Key commitments**

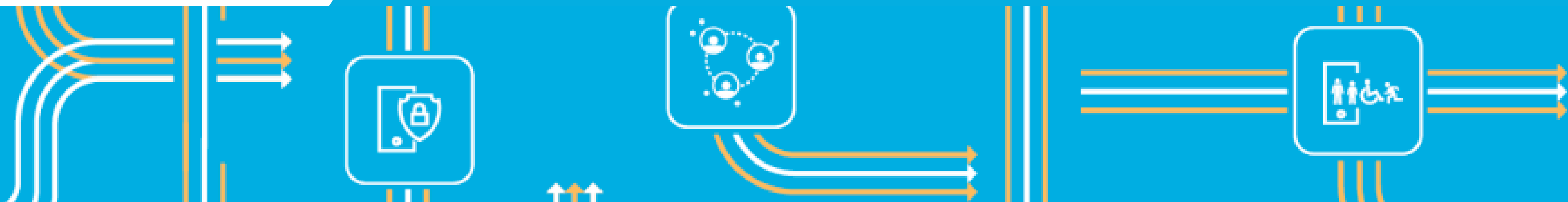


# Thematic Deep Dives

(January-June 2023)



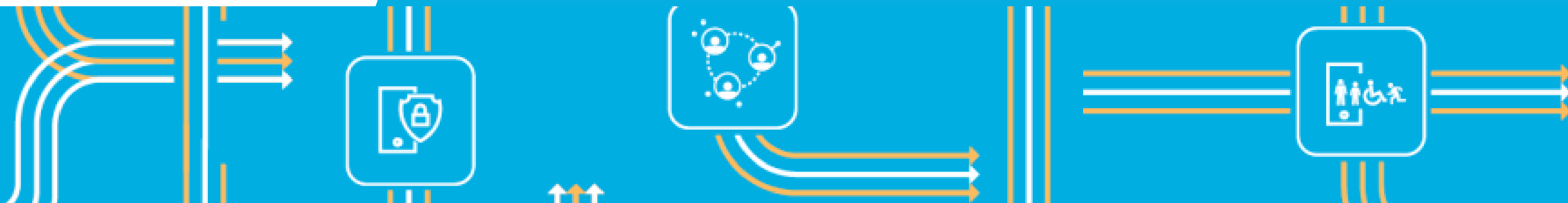
- Digital inclusion and connectivity (27 March 2023)
- Internet governance (13 April 2023)
- Data protection (24 April 2023)
- Human Rights online (8 May 2023)
- Artificial Intelligence and other emerging technologies (25 May 2023)
- Digital Trust and security (25 May 2023)
- Global digital commons (14 June 2023)
- Accelerating progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (14 June 2023)



# Recent updates and debates



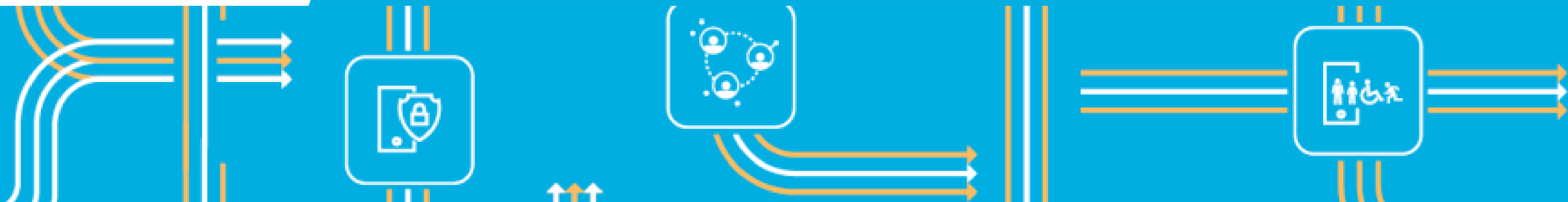
- Policy Brief by the UN concerning the GDC (May 2023)
- Secretary of the UN Tech Envoy's comments at EuroDIG 2023 (June 2023)
- Statement by the CEOs of APNIC, ARIN and ICANN (August 2023)
  - Responses to this statement: between support and disagreement
- Co-facilitators' Letter on Issues Paper (September 2023)



# A few final remarks



- Risks and opportunities: How could it pan out?
- Two main potential scenarios:
  1. Consolidation of a bottom-up, multistakeholder approach to Internet Governance
  2. Move to a more top-down, multilateral system
- The important thing? Stay involved.



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# Questions



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