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How would you define the stakeholder community or communities to which you belong?
Government

Are there any suggestions that you wish to make in respect of the proposed themes, questions and indicators which are included in the framework as it stands?

We welcome UNESCO's initiative to adopt a framework of Internet Universality indicators to assist governments and other stakeholders to assess their national Internet environments and develop policies to advance ROAMX Principles.
ROAMX Principles are intended for use by stakeholders in interested countries where resources can be mobilised for the necessary research. They are not intended to rank countries in comparison with one another. The aim of applying the indicators is to identify gaps within a country in relation to Internet Universality, and to make appropriate recommendations concerning policy and practice.
We consider most interesting the Cross-Cutting Indicators concerned with gender and the needs of children and young people, sustainable development, trust and security, and legal and ethical aspects of the Internet.
The new framework includes a number of contextual indicators concerned with the demographic, social and economic characteristics of a country, which are intended to help users to understand their findings and frame their recommendations in the most appropriate way for different countries.
The indicators which are proposed within this framework provide a toolkit which can be used by diverse stakeholders, including governments, international organisations, civil society organisations and multistakeholder groups drawn from the various communities that are concerned with Internet development, access and rights. It can be used either holistically or through its component parts.

What sources and means of verification would you recommend, from your experience, in relation to any of the questions and indicators that have been proposed?

Regarding additional sources and means, we would propose EC policy, including digital policy and internet Governance aspects, as well as Council of Europe point of view.

Some references:
Gender Equality Index
http://eige.europa.eu/rdc/eige-publications/gender-equality-index-2017-violence-against-women
SDGs Indicators
https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/Global%20Indicator%20Framework_A.RES.71.313%20Anne

x.pdf

http://unsdsn.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/150320-SDSN-Indicator-Report.pdf

ITU ICT Development Index IDI based on a revised 14 indicators

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/Events/2018/aspidi2018/home.aspx