Caribbean Internet Governance Forum

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Bridging the Digital Divide

In a digital society, everyone, including the most disadvantaged, has safe, convenient, and equitable access to services and resources which increase their well being and resilience

Why should we focus on Digital Inclusion?

What are the specific challenges for the Caribbean?

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ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND PRODUCTIVITY

Digital inclusion enables vulnerable populations to diversify their income sources via the gig economy, selling products and services online, reducing their economic vulnerability.
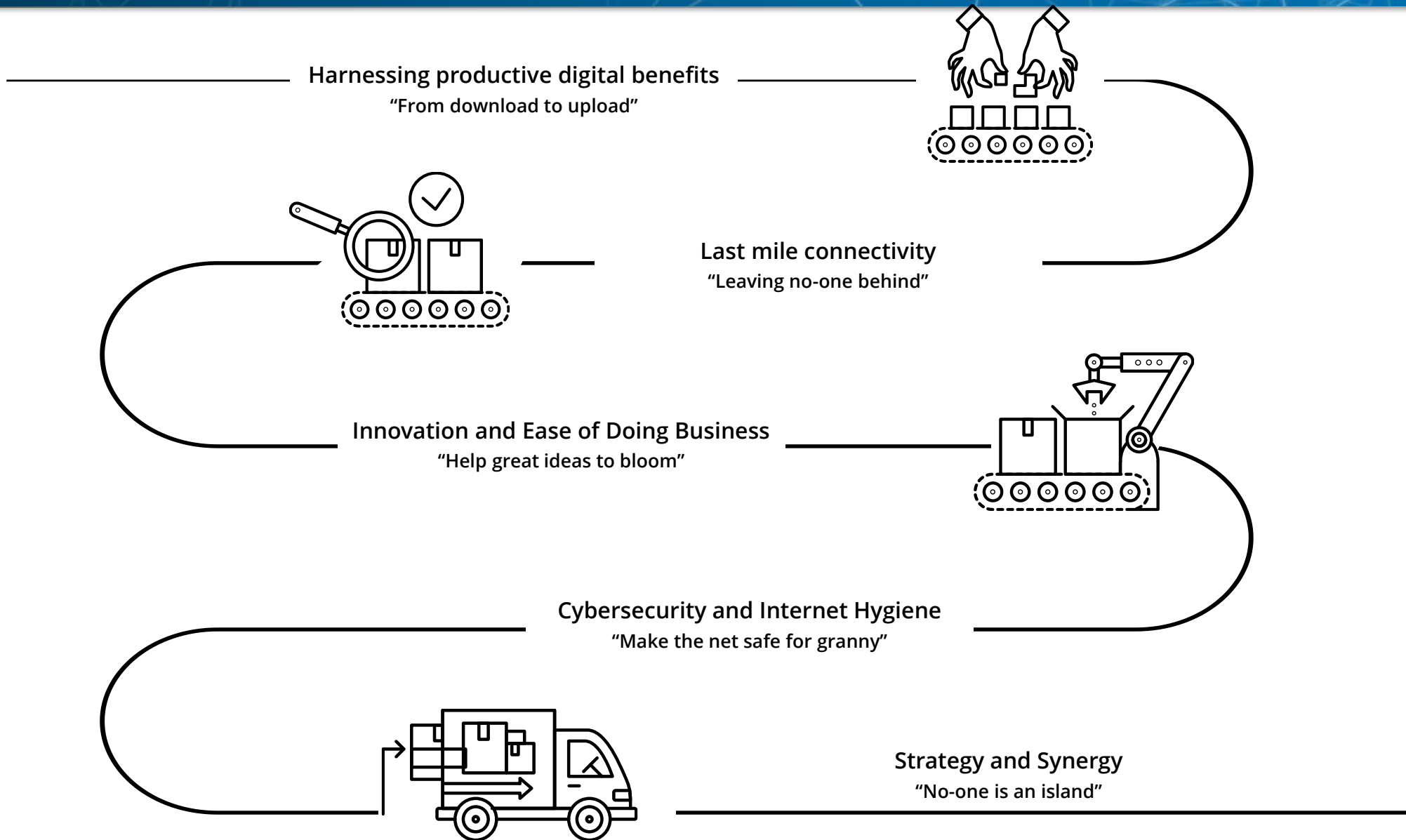
IMPROVED ACCESS TO SERVICES

Digital government services increase access for residents of remote or underserved areas, or persons with disabilities that make it difficult for them to physically visit government offices.

Digital Inclusion

EMPOWERING CREATIVITY & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Digital platforms enable sustainable businesses, global skills development, and improved job prospects, benefiting entrepreneurs, rural communities, students with disabilities, and local artists..

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RELIEF

Early warning systems enable timely evacuation and preparation. Digital technology facilitates coordination among agencies and communities, for efficient distribution of emergency aid, tracking of affected areas, and communication

IMPROVED GOVERNANCE

Digital tools enhance transparency and accountability in governance, reducing corruption and fostering trust between governments and citizens.

What are the specific challenges for the Caribbean?

Harnessing productive digital benefits
"From download to upload"

Last mile connectivity
"Leaving no-one behind"

Innovation and Ease of Doing Business
"Help great ideas to bloom"

Cybersecurity and Internet Hygiene
"Make the net safe for granny"

Strategy and Synergy
"No-one is an island"

How is the UNDP helping?

- **Digital Readiness Assessment** to provide **rapid, high-level insights** into a country's **digital strengths and opportunities**

- **National Digital Strategy and Roadmap** to outline the country's **digital vision**, and the **key enablers for successful transformation**

In Trinidad and Tobago:

- Supporting the **Digital Transformation** of the **Ministry of Social Development and Family Services**
- Developing a **National Digital Identity (E-ID)** with the Ministry of Digital Transformation
- **Digital Business Incubator** programmes to support MSMEs
- **Digital home gardening app** to enhance food security and youth empowerment
- **Digital Mapping** of the local innovation ecosystem

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