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DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE INTRODUCTORY SERIES

Workshop 3: Digital Infrastructure Financing

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Overview of the Digital Infrastructure Introductory Workshop Series

Foundational Concepts

The first workshop defined Digital Infrastructure and Digital Public Infrastructure, building a shared vocabulary and understanding.

Regulatory and Institutional Frameworks

The second workshop examined governance, regulation and institutional roles essential for enabling digital infrastructure investments.

Financing Digital Infrastructure

The third workshop focuses on financing digital infrastructure at scale, integrating prior discussion on definitions and regulation.

Artificial Intelligence

The final session will examine how artificial intelligence (AI) is redefining infrastructure needs and transforming public services, education systems, and energy systems, while creating new opportunities across all economic levels



Key Statistics

- More than 40% of new jobs created in OECD countries are in the digital sector
- About 22% of existing jobs are undergoing structural change
- A 10% increase in broadband raises GDP growth by 1.4 percentage points in developing countries
- Global digital infrastructure investment gap estimated at least USD 1.6 trillion



Conclusions of the G20 Report on Digital Infrastructure Financing

Project-Based Approaches

Digital infrastructure financing is shifting from simple corporate financing to project-based approaches

Lack of Best Practices

Public financiers remain cautious due to the lack of best-practice approaches

Innovation

Governments have developed innovative and complex PPP and blended finance models

Collaboration

International Financial Institutions and Multilateral development banks need to play a stronger role in the Digital Infrastructure sector



Key Issues for Today's Workshop

- What is the role of IFIs in financing digital infrastructure?
- Are IFIs doing enough to address the digital infrastructure financing gap?
- Which innovative financing approaches can be replicated across countries and regions?

