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To the Universal DPI Safeguards Secretariat,

We recognize the potential of digital public infrastructure (DPI) to accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals, as highlighted in the Global Digital Compact adopted by 193 UN Member States. We also recognize that this potential can only be realized responsibly when safeguards for privacy, inclusion, accountability, and recourse are embedded from the outset of DPI design, implementation, and maintenance – particularly in the government data exchange infrastructure that increasingly underpins DPI ecosystems.

As an organization working directly with governments to build the data exchange layer of DPI, the Digital Impact Alliance (DIAL) believes that safeguards are most durable when they are co-developed with the institutions that will implement them, tested against real use cases, and made available for other countries to adapt rather than build from scratch.

We, the Digital Impact Alliance (DIAL), commit to adopting the Universal DPI Safeguards Framework through our work co-developing a national DPI Safeguards Framework for Nigeria's government data exchange infrastructure.

The Universal DPI Safeguards Framework has been developed by the DPI Safeguards initiative, a global multi-stakeholder effort convened and supported by the United Nations Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies (ODET) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Framework reflects the importance of safeguards in ensuring that DPI implementations mitigate new risks and existing structural vulnerabilities of digital transformation, at both the individual and societal level, while fostering trust and equity across countries.

As part of this commitment:

- **National DPI Safeguards Framework for Nigeria:** Our primary safeguards commitment over the next twelve months centers on Nigeria, where we are co-developing a national DPI Safeguards Framework in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy and the institutions responsible for Nigeria's government data exchange infrastructure. The work is structured as a phased, participatory process: a multi-stakeholder diagnostic, a co-drafted framework grounded in Nigeria's legal and institutional context, and an Implementation Playbook for participating agencies. The Framework is designed to be adopted by whichever institution holds the mandate to govern data exchange at the point of deployment. We expect to reach ministerial validation by early 2027, positioning Nigeria as a replicable reference case for data exchange safeguards on the continent.

- **Testing against priority use cases:** Alongside the Framework, we will test safeguard provisions against three priority use cases, each surfacing a distinct risk profile around privacy, exclusion, algorithmic accountability, and lack of recourse. Learning from this testing will feed directly into practical toolkits designed for replication – governance standards, data sharing agreement templates, and diagnostic tools – that other governments can adapt to their own legal and institutional contexts without starting from scratch.
- **Knowledge and influence:** We will publish a DPI Safeguards primer and an expert comment on our Nigeria experience and contribute dedicated safeguards and data governance input to DIAL’s broader DPI Roadmap. We are currently longlisted for the UNDP DPI Safeguards Accelerator, which would accelerate the Nigeria work and deepen our engagement with the global practitioner network. We will also participate in thought leadership through convenings, including the emerging AI and DPI agenda, drawing on Nigeria’s experience to contribute grounded, implementation-informed perspectives to a space that currently has more frameworks than practice.
- **Scaling beyond Nigeria:** Our longer-term ambition is to use the Nigeria experience as a foundation for influencing safeguards adoption across DIAL’s partner countries, building from one well-documented implementation toward a network of country-level safeguard efforts that learn from each other.

With this commitment, we nominate Frank Raudo (fraudo@ dial.global) as the focal point for engagement. We look forward to engaging with the Universal DPI Safeguards Secretariat in implementing our commitments and sharing our experience with other DPGs, countries, and implementation projects.

Sincerely,



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