

U.S.-Japan Internet Economy Private Working Group 2023 Industry Leaders' Statement

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For more than ten years, government and private sector leaders in the U.S.-Japan Internet Economy Dialogue have shaped policies enabling the growth of the Internet Economy. Attendees from the private sector in the U.S. and Japan appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the 13th Internet Economy Dialogue (IED) on the role of the private sector in information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure and cybersecurity capacity building. We look forward to utilizing both of these frameworks as key policy features for the operationalization of “Data Free Flow with Trust” as a policy “platform for trust”. U.S.-Japan leadership on these policy frameworks builds trust with third countries that serve as platforms for growth of the digital economy. Attendees from both countries share this 13th statement to support the IED’s expanding digital policy interests and concerns as the pervasive use of Internet technology makes every company a “digital” company in today’s digital economy.

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The 2023 IED private sector attendees agree that mutual learning, exploring areas of convergence, and transferring alignment between the two countries into a broader regional and global consensus continue to be key focuses for the IED. A cross-section of industries and individual companies have contributed to that exchange since the IED’s inception. Attendees recommend that the IED explore other digital policy agenda-setting mechanisms that address the growing mix of digital economy issues, concerns, and stakeholders needed to facilitate learning, convergence and agreement on emerging policy topics. Attendees believe reflection on the scope of involvement and the mix of public-private stakeholders as well as the cadence of exchanges may promote expanded collaboration to include new government stakeholders and drive active digital policy exchanges throughout 2023. Attendees look forward to contributing to the next ten years of IED public-private leadership in the digital economy.