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Subject: Digitalisation in Africa
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Dear all,

Thank you very much for the excellent meeting and insightful discussion in September. Apologies for the delay in sending you a short paper on our activities in Africa and a slide deck on Airband in Africa. In addition to connectivity Microsoft is engaged in areas across the technology ecosystem, including in cloud infrastructure, research and development centres, skilling, and capacity building. We shall be pleased to provide you with additional details in the coming weeks. In the meanwhile please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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Dear Lora, dear Arto,

At Microsoft we are paying increasing attention to the digitalisation of the African continent not only as a business opportunity, but also from development policy, democracy and cyber security point of view. Whilst in Finland we are also in discussions around these issues with some key stakeholders including Aalto University we would like to explore opportunities for cooperation with the Commission. Taneli recommended to contact you and I wonder if you had availability in your diaries to discuss these matters further. [REDACTED], a colleague of mine, would also join the discussion.

Kind regards,

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