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Dear Laura, 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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