

## **Empowering developing countries through technological access**

In today's increasingly interconnected world, the necessity of addressing the digital divide between developed and developing nations is urgent. At the heart of this challenge lies the historical disparity in technological advancement, which has left many developing countries struggling to keep pace with their more technologically advanced counterparts.

The roots of this digital divide are multifaceted and complex. Colonial legacies, uneven investment in infrastructure, and socioeconomic inequalities have all played a role in perpetuating disparities in technological access. As a result, many developing countries find themselves at a significant disadvantage, unable to leverage technology to its full potential for development and growth, which limits full participation in the digital economy.

Recognizing the urgency of redressing this imbalance, delegates at the Harvard Model UN China 2024 conference, as part of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), will focus their discussions on empowering developing countries through enhanced technological access.

By working collaboratively and fostering international cooperation, delegates will seek to bridge the digital gap and empower developing countries to take advantage of the transformative potential of technology for inclusive and sustainable development. Through targeted interventions and concerted efforts, the international community can pave the way for greater prosperity and opportunity, ensuring that no nation is left behind in the digital age.

Addressing the digital divide is not just a matter of equity, but also something essential for unlocking the full potential of the global community and building a more inclusive and prosperous world.