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In 2001, the World Economic Forum and its partner INSEAD recognized the need for a report such as *The Global Information Technology Report* (GITR) because of the increasing proliferation of technology and its effects on advancing global competitiveness. Now, nearly 15 years later, we are fully experiencing the profound impact that ICTs can bring to businesses, countries, and societies and that stimulate the global economy. Although technology presents unparalleled opportunities for advancing inclusive growth, we are still lacking effective policies that can help foster further developments. The theme of this year's edition, "ICTs for Inclusive Growth," is directly related to the Forum's commitment to this issue and one of its newest initiatives, launched earlier this year at the Annual Meeting 2015: *The Future of the Internet Global Challenge*. This initiative aims to address some of the global trends that the *Report* has been tracking for a number of years: digital inclusion and access, cybercrime and cybersecurity, data privacy and usage, shifting business models, and, finally, creating effective and resilient policies for technologies.

Each year, the ICT Industries and Competitiveness Teams at the World Economic Forum collaborate on the annual production of *The Global Information Technology Report*. Together the teams have seen the series evolve over time to become one of the most respected publications of its kind. More and more policymakers and Forum constituents leverage the *Report* each year to inform their decision-making processes.

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