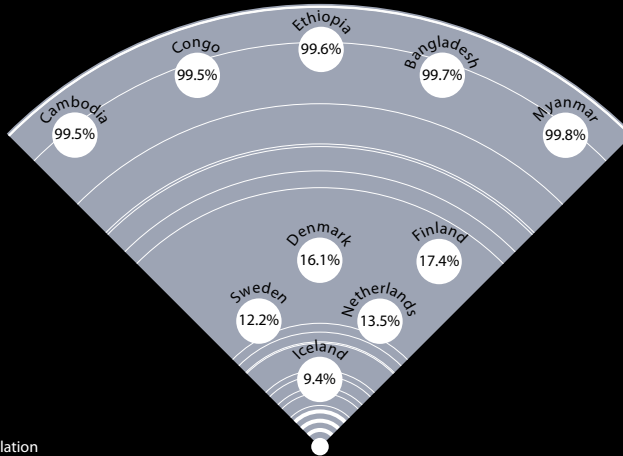


The problem: Global Digital Divide

The global digital divide refers to the sizeable gap between those with extensive access to digital technology and those with very limited or no access at all.

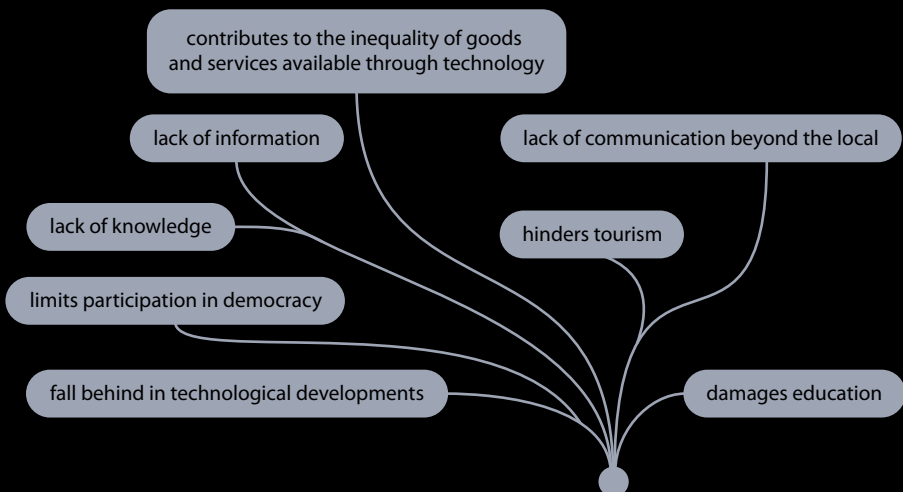


● Percentage of the population without access to the Internet

Source: International Telecommunications Union, 2010

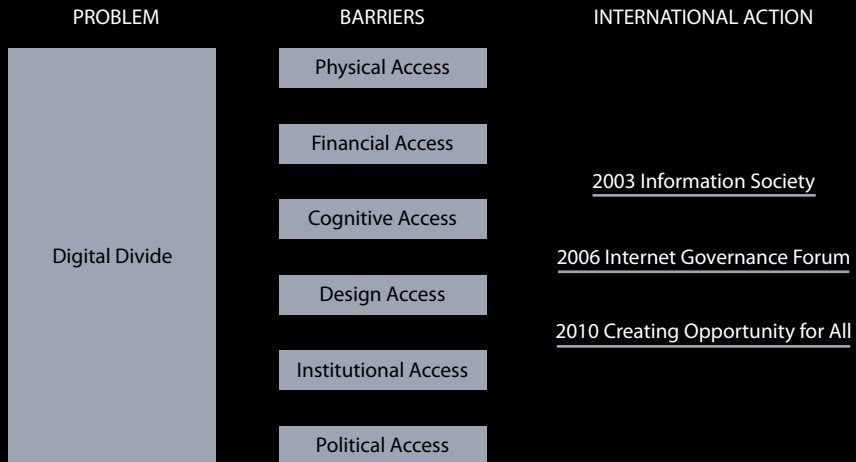
Implications: Limited access to the Internet creates a range of challenges:

For those with limited or no digital access, there are a number of implications which can hinder the development of the entire community as well as the individuals within it.



What the world is doing about it: A diverse range of strategies

Over the last decade the world has undertaken various initiatives to narrow the digital divide. Yet a series of barriers have limited the impact of these activities.



Source: World Intellectual Property Organization, 2010

What the research suggests: Innovate to fulfil the Internet's full promise

Dorothy Attwood makes a series of recommendations to keep the Internet's promise of being universal, open and safe.



Global Policy Source: Dorothy Attwood, Keeping the Internet's Promise: Universal, Open and Safe. Global Policy, Vol. 1, Issue 3.