CHECK YOUR TECHNOPRIVILEGE!

ACCESS

- O I AM BORN AND BROUGHT UP IN A TIME AND PLACE WHERE TECHNOLOGY IS OMNIPRESENT
- O I BELONG TO AN ANIMAL SPECIES (HOMO SAPIENS) THAT USES COMPLEX TOOLS AND COMMUNICATION TO ITS ADVANTAGE
- O THE FUTURE OF MY SPECIES HIGHLY DEPENDS ON TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT
- O AN ARTIFICIAL FUR (MY CLOTHES) PROTECTS ME AND KEEP ME WARM, AS A SECOND SKIN
- O I COOK FOOD (AT LEAST SOME OF IT), TO PREDIGEST THE FIBERS OUTSIDE MY BODY
- O ALPHABET TECHNOLOGY (WRITTEN LANGUAGE)
 HELPS ME EXTERNALIZE MY THOUGHTS
- O ARTIFICIAL LIGHT MAKES ME INDEPENDENT FROM NATURAL SOURCES OF LIGHT
- O CLOCKS ENABLE ME TO MANAGE TIME BEYOND THE NATURAL CYCLES OF SUN AND MOON
- O IN GENERAL, I HAVE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY THAT HELPS ME FULFILL MY BASIC NEEDS
- O IN GENERAL, I HAVE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY THAT HELPS ME FEEL PROTECTED AND SAFE
- O IN GENERAL, I HAVE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY THAT HELPS ME CONNECT WITH OTHERS
- O IN GENERAL, I HAVE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY THAT HELPS ME THRIVE AND SELF-ACTUALIZE
- O I HAVE ACESS TO MORE ADVANCED
 TECHNOLOGY THAN THE GENERATION BEFORE ME,
 AND I EXPECT THE NEXT GENERATION WILL HAVE
 ACCES TO EVEN MORE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY
- O I HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION THAT IS RELEVANT AND MEANINGFUL TO ME
- O I HAVE ACCESS TO A TOILET
- O I FLUSH MY TOILET WITH POTABLE WATER
- O I OWN A TOOTHBRUSH

IMPACT

- O I DO NOT HAVE TO HUNT OR KILL FOR MEAT, GROW MY OWN PRODUCE OR WALK LONG DISTANCES TO ACCESS FOOD AND WATER
- ☐ TECHNOLOGY ENHANCES MY MUSCLE POWER
- O TECHNOLOGY ENHANCES MY BRAIN POWER
- TECHNOLOGY HELPS ME PROVIDE AN INCOME
- O TECHNOLOGY ENABLES ME TO COMMUNICATE OVER LONG DISTANCES (AND WORK REMOTELY)

- TECHNOLOGY PROLONGS MY LIFE EXPECTANCY
- O I AM CONCEIVED BY THE APPLICATION OF REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY (SUCH AS IVF)
- ME OR MY SEXUAL PARTNER(S) REGULATE OUR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH USING CONTRACEPTIVES
- O I CAN BUY STRAWBERRIES IN WINTER (OR ANY TYPE OF FOOD, REGARDLESS THE SEASON)
- O ACCESS TO CERTAIN TECHNOLOGIES (CARS, SMARTPHONES) DETERMINES STATUS TO ME
- O OLDER TECHNOLOGIES SOMETIMES EVOKE A SENSE OF NOSTALGIA IN ME
- O I CAN ENJOY NATURE AS A LEISURE ACTIVITY, THANKS TO ADVANCED OUTDOOR MATERIALS

CONTROL

- O I HAVE SUFFICIENT ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION NEEDED TO DEAL WITH TECHNOLOLY
- O I KEEP UP WITH TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION
- O I EASILY ADOPT NEW TECHNOLOGIES EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT WIDELY ACCEPTED YET
- O I DO NOT FEEL THE NEED TO READ THE TERMS OF SERVICE OF THE DIGITAL SERVICES I USE
- O I TRUST THAT MY PERSONAL INFORMATION IS PROTECTED BY POLICIES AND REGULATIONS
- TECHNOLOGY WON'T TAKE MY JOB
- O I HAVE SUFFICIENT INFLUENCE ON HOW NEW TECHNOLOGIES ARE ENVISIONED AND DEVELOPED
- O I HAVE SUFFICIENT INFLUENCE ON HOW NEW TECHNOLOGIES ARE FINANCED
- O I HAVE SUFFICIENT INFLUENCE ON POLICY
 AROUND EXISTING AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
- O I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH AND UNDERSTAND THE ALGORITHMS BEHIND THE DIGITAL SERVICES I USE
- O I AM WILLING TO PAY WITH MY PRIVACY FOR CERTAIN ONLINE SERVICES
- O ALGORITHMS KNOW ME BETTER THAN I DO
- O RARELY DO I FEEL CONTROLLED, HARMED OR THREATENED IN ANY WAY BY TECHNOLOGY
- O I HAVE NEVER FELT TREATED LIKE A ROBOT
- O TECHNOLOGY SUFFICIENTLY CONSIDERS THE ABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS OF MY BODY
- O I RARELY EXPERIENCE NEGATIVE EFFECTS BY POLLUTION FROM ELECTRONIC-WASTE
- O I AM IN A POSITION WHERE PEOPLE LISTEN TO MY OPINIONS ABOUT TECHNOLOGY

ETHICS

- I BELIEVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY IS INHERENTLY A GOOD THING
- O WHEN SOMETHING IS NEW, IT MUST BE GOOD
- TO ME, TECHNOLOGY IS 'JUST A TOOL', IT DEPENDS HOW YOU USE IT SO ITS GOOD NOR BAD
- O I BELIEVE THERE IS NO HARMFUL TECHNOLOGY, JUST PEOPLE THAT USE IT IN WRONG WAYS
- O I CAN AFFORD TO NOT THINK ABOUT WETHER THE TECHNOLOGIES I USE ARE ETHICALLY MADE
- O I AM IN A POSITION WHERE CAN AFFORD NOT TO KNOW HOW AND WHERE THE MATERIALS IN MY PHONE ARE SOURCED
- O I AM IN A POSITION WHERE I CAN AFFORD NOT TO KNOW ABOUT HOW MY USE OF TECHNOLOGY IMPACTS THOSE WHO HAVE FEWER TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES
- O I AM IN A POSITION WHERE I CAN AFFORD NOT TO KNOW HOW TECHNOLOGY ACTUALLY WORKS
- O I AM IN A POSITION WHERE I CAN AFFORD NOT TO BE ABLE TO REPAIR THE TECHNOLOGY I OWN
- O I BELIEVE THAT SUPER INTELLIGENT ROBOTS
 WILL MORE LIKELY TREAT US AS PETS THAN
 SLAVES (OR FOOD)
- O OVERALL, I PERCEIVE THE REWARDS OF TECHNOLOGY HIGHER THAN THE COSTS
- O IN GENERAL, I FEEL THAT TECHNOLOGY IS

 DEVELOPING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

IMAGINATION

- O I FIND IT EASIER TO IMAGINE THE END OF THE WORLD THAN A WORLD WITHOUT TECHNOLOGY
- O I DO NOT FEEL WORRIED ABOUT WHERE TECHNOLOGY IS HEADING, I SEE A BRIGHT FUTURE
- O I TRUST THAT FUTURE TECHNOLOGY WILL SOLVE MOST OF TODAY'S PROBLEMS
- O I DON'T EVEN SEE WRITING, COOKING AND CLOTHING AS A TECHNOLOGIES ANYMORE
- O I CAN USE TECHNOLOGY TO BE CREATIVE
- O I FIND IT EASY TO IMAGINE DESIRABLE TECHNOLOGICAL FUTURES
- O I PHANTASIZE ABOUT NEW TECHNOLOGIES
- O I AM ABLE TO INFLUENCE OUR 'TECHNOLOGICAL IMAGINARIES': THE TOTAL SUM OF VALUES, BELIEFS AND NARRATIVES ABOUT THE ROLE AND IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON OUR PLANET

Technology Privilege refers not just to your level of access to technology. It describes the unearned powers, societal influence, benefits and advantages you may (or may not) hold, due to you level of access to technology. It manifests across five critical dimensions:

① As mentioned, the level of access to technology. ② The impact technology has on your life (and what you in return have on the environment, by using those technologies.) ③ The extent to which you control technology — or it controls you. ④ Your ethical choices when it comes to technology, and, ultimately ⑤ The extend to which you are able to envision alteratives to the status quo, but also influence the 'technological imaginary': the total sum of values, beliefs and narratives about the role, impact of technology on our planet. Basically, to influence how we see technology.

Understanding technology privilege is essential. Understanding highlights the disparities in technological empowerment and the need for equitable technology practices that do not merely perpetuate existing social and ecological inequalities but aim to dismantle them. This checklist helps you reflect on your own technology privilege. Not as apunitive instrument, but as a tool to help use your privileges consciously for the greater good.