



## Smart Cities and Smart Villages and the Global Digital Transformation: Strategy and Community Engagement

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