

Concept Opening Ceremony and Opening Session IGF 2017

Monday, 18 December 2017, 3pm – 6pm (3h)

Opening ceremony (60 min)

- Speakers (45-50 min)
 - UNSG Mr. Antonio Guterres (TBC)
 - Mayor of the City of Geneva Mr. Rémy Pagani (TBC)
 - Representative of the Canton of Geneva (TBC)
 - President of the Swiss Confederation Ms. Doris Leuthard
- Musical/cultural performance (TBD) (10-15 min)

Interactive High-Level Roundtable Session (120 min)

- Title: “Shaping our future digital global governance”
- Host Chair: President of the Swiss Confederation Ms. Doris Leuthard
- Moderator: Talk Master of Swiss Television SRF (TBC)
- Brief description/objective: Digitisation provides unique opportunities for growth and development. But in recent times, the Internet has also been associated with growing challenges that call for a better coordinated global digital governance system. Pooling the strengths of different stakeholders – governments, private sector, technical community and civil society – is essential in any such effort. This session aims to discuss the pressing matters relating to digitisation and to the future evolution of the global digital governance framework. Potential gaps in the current digital governance system would be part of the conversation and suggestions for improving global cooperation among all stakeholders can be developed.
- Policy questions:
 - What is your vision for the global digital governance in 10 years?
 - Where do you see the main challenges?
 - Which opportunities could be seized?
 - What are the roles and responsibilities of the different stakeholders?
- Format/Agenda: Moderated roundtable
 - First general question “*What is your vision for the global digital governance in 10 years?*” and 2 minute inputs from each speaker (20 minutes in total).
 - Subsequently, 40 minutes for interactive debate, which will consider the other policy questions and be focused and respond to a short number of these shared with the speakers and the audience at the start of the session.
 - Lastly, 60 minutes for open debate with audience (queueing up at open mics), of which the first 20 minutes will be reserved for 2-minute inputs from other VIP speakers from the audience (“VIP mic”).
- Speakers:
 - Ideally 8, plus President Leuthard, UNSG and moderator
 - Regional, stakeholder and gender diversity is key