

United Nations cyber consultations with all stakeholders

2-4 December 2019, UNHQ New York

What is this meeting about?

The United Nations will be hosting an [intersessional multi-stakeholder meeting](#) of the [Open-ended Working Group](#) (OEWG) on ‘Developments in the field of information and communications technology in the context of international security’ from 2-4 December 2019 in New York. As per the OEWG’s mandate contained in [General Assembly resolution 73/27](#), the meeting an opportunity for Member States, industry, non-governmental organizations and academia to share views on the issues within the OEWG’s mandate. Singapore will chair the multi-stakeholder meeting at the request the Chair of the Group, Ambassador Jürg Lauber of Switzerland.

When and where?

Date: 2 to 4 December 2019
Opening meeting: Monday, 2 December at 10:00 am;

Place: Conference Room 1
United Nations Headquarters
New York

Why is it important?

Few technologies have been as powerful as ICTs in reshaping societies, economies and international relations. Today, digital technologies touch every aspect of our lives. The critical infrastructure we rely on — such as electric grids and financial systems — has become increasingly vulnerable to cyberattacks. ICT incidents have an increasingly destabilizing effects and undermine trust between States. They may indeed pose a risk to international peace and security.

While States have a primary responsibility in this area, non-governmental stakeholders also have an important role to play. Many of them have shown great interest in and taken initiatives to promote the peaceful use of ICTs. This multi-stakeholder meeting therefore aims to promote common understandings between the different stakeholders from across the world and build synergies between different efforts to create an open, secure, stable, accessible and peaceful ICT environment.

What will be discussed?

Through interactive discussions, the meeting would address questions such as the following: What are the norms of responsible behaviour that should be promoted in cyberspace? How does international law apply to the use of digital technologies? And how should we cooperate to build a more resilient cyberspace?

How can my organization participate?



[Click here](#) for more information on how Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), which include private sector, civil society and academia, can participate in this informal intersessional consultative meeting.

European Union Engagement Support Programme



In order to strengthen the engagement at the multi-stakeholder meeting, the European Union has established the Engagement Support Programme (ESP). The EU ESP aims to facilitate the participation of 25-35 representatives from business, non-governmental organizations and academia to share views on the issues within the OEWG's mandate. [Click here](#) for more information about the Programme.

Want to know more?

- [Aide Memoire for Non-Governmental Organizations](#)
- [EU Engagement Support Programme for the Multi-stakeholder meeting](#)
- [The Open-ended Working Group on International ICT-security](#)
- [UN Office for Disarmament Affairs - Online Training Course "Cyberdiplomacy"](#)
- [UN Office for Disarmament Affairs – International ICT-security](#)
- [General Assembly resolution 73/27](#)

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