





Inter-Parliamentary Union



Fourth Parliamentary Forum on Shaping the Information Society The Triple Challenge of Cyber-Security: Information, Citizens and Infrastructure

18-20 May 2011 Room II - ILO Conference Center International Labour Organization Geneva, Switzerland

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Date and Venue

The Fourth Parliamentary Forum on Shaping the Information Society "The Triple Challenge of Cyber-Security: Information, Citizens and Infrastructure" is co-organized by the United Nations, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), through the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament. It will be held from the afternoon of Wednesday 18 May to mid day of Friday 20 May 2010.

The Forum will take place at the International Labour Organization (ILO) Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, at 4 Route des Morillons, CH-1211 Geneva 22, in Room II of the ILO Conference Center.

Participation and Registration

The Parliamentary Forum is principally aimed at Chairs/Presidents and Members of parliamentary committees with responsibility for science and technologies, for information and telecommunication and for security issues.

The Global Centre for ICT in Parliament will process registration requests in a centralized way. To be registered, delegates are requested to complete and return to the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament the enclosed registration form, which can also be downloaded from the Conference website:

http://www.ictparliament.org/parliamentaryforum2011.

Alternatively, delegations can register online at the same website address.

The deadline for registration is 6 May 2011. Registration received after this date may not be taken into account.

Any modification concerning the composition of the delegation should be communicated directly to the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament at: info@ictparliament.org

Distribution of badges for the WSIS Forum will start on 16 May 2011, at 07:30 am at the ILO Conference Centre, and will continue until 19 May 2011. Representatives from the countries' Permanent Missions to the International Organizations in Geneva may pick up badges for their delegations in advance at the ITU Montbrillant Building starting Friday 13 May 2011.

For security reasons, all delegates will be requested to wear their identification badges at all times during their stay at the Forum.

Visas

Attention is drawn to the strict provisions in force regarding entry into Switzerland, which refuses entry to those not having the required visa. Delegates requiring an entry visa must obtain it from the Swiss Consulate or Diplomatic Mission responsible for the necessary arrangements in their country of residence.

French entry (not transit) visas are required for certain nationalities when transiting a French airport en route to Geneva. Those delegates who wish, upon arrival in Geneva, to cross the border into France must obtain visas in their country of residence before departure, as they are not obtainable in Geneva.

Delegates are strongly encouraged to make the necessary arrangements for the visa at the earliest opportunity.

Languages

At the Parliamentary Forum, simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish. Official documentation of the Forum will be available in English, French and Spanish.

List of Delegates

A provisional List of Delegates will be issued on the basis of confirmations received by the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament up to 6 May 2011. For technical reasons, it will not be possible to produce a revised list during the Forum, but one will be issued after the end of the event and will be placed on the Forum website.

Participants are kindly requested to report any changes in the provisional List of Participants to the co-organizers.

Hotel, local transport and city information

Delegates will be responsible for their own hotel arrangements and expenses. A list of hotels in the vicinity of the event can be found at: http://www.itu.int/travel/

Delegations may reserve their rooms either via their preferred tourist operator or through the Geneva Tourist Office. Should delegations wish to use the services offered by the Geneva Tourist Office, they are kindly requested to contact Genève Tourisme. Attention is drawn to the fact that, according to the practice of all hotels in Geneva, only reservations with details of a credit card as a guarantee will be confirmed.

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Additional useful information concerning transport from the Geneva airport to the city centre, local transport, and tourism attractions will be made available on the Forum website.

Requests for further information

Requests for further information concerning the event should be addressed to:

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