IGF Open Forum proposal by the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Theme: Security, Safety, Stability & Resilience

Open Forum Topic: Trust, Norms and Freedom in Cyberspace

Panel duration: 60 minutes

Speakers: The key-note speaker of the panel will be Amb. Heli Tiirmaa-Klaar (Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a representative of the next Uinted Nations Group of Governmental Experts, UN GGE, 2019-2021); additional two speakers of the open forum, who will represent different stakeholders (i.e a representative of the NGO sector and business community) will be confirmed after the specific speaking slot has been allocated.

Moderator: Matthew Shears

Concept of the panel: This open forum under the third programme theme of IGF 2019 with the focus on Security, Safety, Stability and Resilience will analyze the links between trust, norms and freedom in cyberspace. Occurring only a few days before the first meeting of the next UN GGE, the panel will create a platform for exchange of thoughts on the existing norms of responsible state behavior in cyberspace.

The panel will focus on the ongoing discussions regarding the norms of cyber security (and internet governance) while keeping in mind the aim of preserving open, free and accessible cyberspace. The key points of the discussion will emerge from the notion that there is a need to discuss further the implementation of norms of responsible state behavior in cyberspace. Protection of human rights and basic freedoms in cyberspace is the underlying principle of the internationally recognised cyber norms. The GGE, among others, has confirmed that states must comply with their obligations under international law to respect and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Format of the panel: The panel will have three speakers with 10-15 minutes of speaking time, followed by 15-30 minutes Q&A facilitated by the moderator and open questions from the audience.

The panel will be composed of different stakeholders. The government sector will be represented by Amb. Tiirmaa-Klaar who will also be one of the 25 representatives of the upcoming UN GGE's work.

Questions for facilitating the Q&A:

- How can the norms of responsible state behavior that have been established and agreed upon in the 2015 UN GGE contribute to the freedom in cyberspace?
- What are the relevant human rights elements in the UN GGE and other norms?
- What role do the UN GGE and other confidence building measures play in building trust in cyberspace between
  - state actors?
  - multiple stakeholders from different sectors?
- How can trust and accountability be created and restored in cyberspace? And, how will the GGE and the OEWG contribute to thid goal?

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Amb. Heli Tiirmaa-Klaar

Amb. Heli Tiirmaa-Klaar is the Ambassador at Large for Cyber Diplomacy at the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Up until fall 2018, she was as the Head of Cyber Policy Coordination at the European External Action Service where she has steered and coordinated the EU external relations on cyber issues since 2012. She has been working on cyber security since 2007 when she led the development of the Estonian Cyber Security Strategy. In 2008-2010 she coordinated the implementation of the Estonian strategy, managed the National Cyber Security Council and led the development of Estonia's National Cyber System as well as the public-private partnerships for cyber security.

In 2011, she was assigned to the NATO International Staff to develop the new NATO Cyber Defence Policy. In her earlier career, she has held various managerial positions at the Estonian Ministry of Defence and the Tallinn University. She was a Fulbright Scholar at the George Washington University and has published articlese in several academic journals throughout her career.

Mr. Matthew Shears

Matthew's chief areas of focus are Internet policy and governance, cybersecurity and human rights. He is currently a member of the Board of ICANN. From 2014-17 Matthew served as co-chair of the Freedom Online Coalition working group on human rights and cybersecurity, and more recently was an inaugural co-chair of the FOC's non-governmental Advisory Network. His extensive engagement in internet governance has involved the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) since 2005 and regularly attends the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and was a member of the first MAG. Matthew has also worked for the Internet Society, AT&T, Seattle-based broadband satellite start-up Teledesic, and Cisco Systems.   A UK national, he received his MSc in European Studies from the London School of Economics and his BA in International Affairs from George Washington University.

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