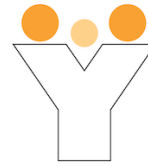


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PRESS RELEASE

**Launch of the Swiss Youth Internet Governance Forum
Young People from Switzerland: Join the Policy Digital Dialogue
and Make Your Voice Heard on 12 June!**

Geneva, 11 June 2023 – **The global Youth IGF, with the support of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), announces the launch of the Swiss Youth IGF, a national independent branch of the international *Youth Internet Governance movement*.**

The Swiss Youth IGF is looking for young people who want to participate in shaping the rules of the internet.

Are you a young person who wants to make a difference in your community? Now is the time to join the political digital dialogue. People are increasingly using social media and other digital platforms to discuss their views on politics and current events. This is especially true for young people, who have grown up with technology at their fingertips.

Highly topical issues such as the regulation of artificial intelligence (AI), social media regulation, and the improvement of cybersecurity will be discussed.

The Swiss Youth IGF is to take place on 12 June, a day before the national Swiss IGF.

The Swiss Youth IGF is not your typical gathering of young minds. This is a momentous event where the future leaders of Switzerland will band together to exchange ideas and collaborate on how to shape digital policies in their country and around the world. *“I’m confident that in a few years’ time, we can expect to see some of these participants leading the charge and influencing national policies with their innovative and forward-thinking ideas”*, said Yuliya Morenets, the founder of the global Youth IGF.

The Swiss Youth IGF event is set to make an impact on Switzerland's digital landscape. With a capacity-building session on 12 June that focuses on the most pressing digital issues, followed by a young leaders' debate, it promises to be an engaging and thought-provoking event. The goal of the Swiss Youth IGF is to bring young people's perspectives to the forefront of digital discussions in Switzerland. *“By creating a ‘Digital Youth Community’, the Swiss Youth IGF is laying the groundwork for a sustainable and inclusive future of digital dialogue in Swiss events”*, says Fabio Monnet, the co-founder of the Swiss Youth IGF.

The young voices represented at this event will take their message to the annual Swiss IGF on 13 June, powering an important dialogue with Swiss digital leaders. *“Digital Natives have a new perspective on the world in which we all live and its technical possibilities. It is important that their voice is heard loud and clear.”*- say Jacques Beglinger & Livia Walpen from the Swiss IGF.

The most important thing for young people to remember is that their voices matter!

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What is internet governance? Internet governance refers to measures aimed at ensuring online access, stability, and openness. Despite the fundamentally decentralised structure of the internet, certain essential functions must be managed, and the limited internet resources distributed efficiently.

What is the Swiss IGF? The Swiss IGF is the national branch of the UN Internet Governance Forum, the global process in which all stakeholder groups agree on the rules of the internet ("Internet Governance"). Swiss IGF: <https://igf.swiss/>