



Permanent Mission of Iceland



Glion Human Rights Dialogue 2020 (Glion VII)

‘Human rights in the digital age: making digital technology work for human rights’

Pre-Glion policy dialogue on:

‘Putting digital technology at the service of equality and non-discrimination, including in the area of economic, social and cultural rights’

1:30PM-3:00PM on Tuesday, 20 October 2020

Zoom

1:30 **Brief welcome by His Excellency Jörundur Valtýsson, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations**

1:35 **Opening remarks by Mr. Marc Limon, Director of Universal Rights Group**

1:40 **Panel discussion moderated by His Excellency Jörundur Valtýsson, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations**

Key priorities and challenges in bridging the global digital divide and mobilizing digital technology to reduce rather than exacerbate inequalities in sustainable development.

H. E. Valentine Rugwabiza, Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations

The role of the UN human rights system in facilitating cooperation and establishing human rights norms as they pertain to the application of digital technology in advancing economic and social rights.

Mr. Scott Campbell, Senior Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Civil society perspective on the benefits and challenges of mobilizing digital technology to accelerate progress on social and economic rights.

Mr. Matt Mahmoudi, Advisor/Researcher on AI and Human Rights, Amnesty International

The role of States, the UN human rights system and technology companies in ensuring the digitised provision of services meets human rights standards.

Mr. Christiaan van Veen, Director, Digital Welfare State and Human Rights Project at the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (CHRGJ)

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Facilitated discussion

Part I

1. *How can the UN play a role in establishing human rights norms as they pertain to the application of digital technology in the promotion and protection of economic and social rights, so that such technology supports equality, non-discrimination, and the principle of leaving no one behind? How could the UN, especially the Human Rights Council and General Assembly, also provide useful platforms for States and other stakeholders to share good practices and lessons learnt in this regard?*
2. *How might the UN practically involve technology companies in such an exercise?*

Part II

1. *What role can UN human rights mechanisms play in support of wider UN efforts, such as the Secretary-General's Roadmap, in helping to bridge the global digital divide?*
2. *How can governments effectively ensure that the digitalisation of social service provision is undertaken in a manner that is consistent with international human rights norms?*

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Conclusions by panellists

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