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Technology as a Peace Enabler

A panel discussion organized by

the Permanent Missions of the UAE, Mexico, and Switzerland to the UN,
and the UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs

on the occasion of World Information Society Day
17 May, 1:15pm

With rapid technological change, there is growing recognition of the multiple ways in which advanced technologies can be applied to enhance the effectiveness of conflict resolution, peacebuilding and mediation. Artificial Intelligence, machine learning, predictive analytics, behavioral insights and other cutting-edge tools have immense potential to change the way we address peace and security challenges in the 21st century.

In the past five years, UN reform efforts have embraced the benefits of new technologies and infused innovation in the organization's work on sustainable development, human rights as well as in peace and security.

The Secretary-General has outlined a 'quintet of change' for the UN. In doing so, he specifically highlighted how innovation and digital transformation should permeate a wide range of the UN's work to improve performance. In his Roadmap on Digital Cooperation, he proposes forward-looking actions on how to seize these opportunities, while mitigating risks.

The potential impact of technology in addressing peace and security deserves unpacking.

Objective

The Permanent Missions of the UAE, Mexico, and Switzerland to the United Nations, together with the UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, are co-hosting a panel discussion to hear the perspectives from tech innovators and other experts on how frontier technologies could be better utilized by the UN system to ensure the delivery of public goods. Participants will have a chance to discuss the benefits of the use of frontier technologies by the UN and address potential concerns. In addition, the event can serve as a platform for Member States to initiate discussions on national positions vis-à-vis innovation for peace and security and the Secretary-General's vision.

Panel setup

The panel will be moderated by Teresa Whitfield of the UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and will feature experts who are addressing these challenges in novel ways. The event will be structured as a one-hour and thirty-minute virtual panel discussion over Zoom that is open to the public. Following welcoming remarks from the co-organizers, each panelist will give a brief opening statement, engage in a guided dialogue, and then shift to a Q&A session. Questions would be coordinated through to the moderator.



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Program

Introductory remarks

- **H.E. Lana Nusseibeh** - PR of UAE to the UN
- **H.E. Juan Ramón de la Fuente Ramirez** - PR of Mexico to the UN
- **H.E. Pascale Christine Baeriswyl** - PR of Switzerland to the UN
- **H.E. Omar bin Sultan Al Olama** – UAE Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy and Remote Work Applications
- **Teresa Whitfield** – Director of Policy and Mediation, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA)

Moderated discussion

Moderator: Teresa Whitfield, DPPA

- **Robert Kirkpatrick**, Executive Director, UN Global Pulse
- **Anna Ekeledo**, Executive Director of AfriLabs
- **Maude Morrison**, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva

Followed by Q&A