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I have the honour to transmit to the Member States of the Council an information document submitted by **Switzerland**.

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| SummaryInvitation to attend the 12th Internet Governance Forum to be held from 18 to 21 December 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Reference[www.igf2017.swiss](http://www.igf2017.swiss)  |

# 1 Introduction

The UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2017, titled "Shape Your Digital Future!", will be held from 18 to 21 December at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The IGF is one of the main outcomes of the 2003-2005 World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). It serves to bring people together from various stakeholder groups as equals, in discussions on public policy issues relating to the Internet. Over 2000 representatives from governments, business, civil society and academia from all over the world are expected to meet in Geneva and to exchange views on the opportunities and challenges of digitization.

The Government of Switzerland would like to invite all members of ITU and all other stakeholders to the IGF 2017 in Geneva, and to also to take actively part in the preparatory process.

# 2 Agenda

The IGF program is defined in a “bottom-up” process by the global community. To that end, the IGF Secretariat launched the IGF 2017 Call for Workshop Proposals from 31st March to 3rd May.

The collected proposals will be discussed by the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) at their next meeting from 12 to 14 June in Geneva, with its first day dedicated to open consultations where all interested parties may participate. The MAG will then develop a draft program.

The final IGF 2017 Agenda will be available on [www.intgovforum.org](http://www.intgovforum.org) in due time.

# 3 Host Country Website

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