

POLAND – THE HEART OF GLOBAL DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET

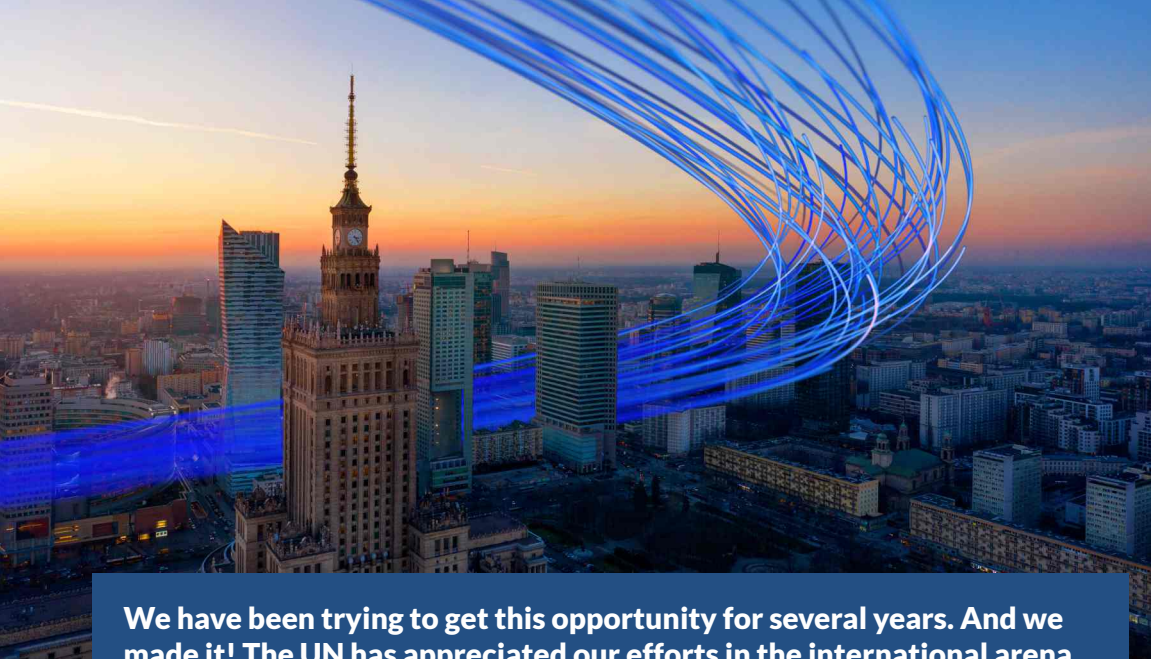


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16th UN Internet Governance Forum



We have been trying to get this opportunity for several years. And we made it! The UN has appreciated our efforts in the international arena, and the 16th UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) will take place in Poland. December 2021 will see the key decisions on the future of the Internet.

Thousands of guests, including ministers and heads of international organisations from around the world. Representatives of businesses, including the largest and best-known Internet companies. Non-governmental organisations, as well as academia. Theoreticians, practitioners. On **6 - 10 December 2021**, the entire international Internet community will be brought together to one place, to Poland.

Originally, the global talks in Poland were slated to take place in 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Internet Governance Forum was held entirely online, and the in-person meeting in Katowice was postponed until 2021.

Internet United

All so that we can talk and make decisions concerning the most current aspects and problems related to the functioning of the Internet.

"Katowice – a city and a hub of innovation and new technologies – will be the place where the key decisions concerning the future of the Internet - its development and further operation – will be made", said Minister Marek Zagórski, Secretary of State at the Chancellery of the Prime Minister. "Many seem to think that these issues do not concern them, but they could not be more wrong. The issues discussed in Katowice will concern all users of the Internet," he said.

The 2021 Internet Governance Forum will be a place of open and real debate about the future of Internet platforms, as well as a number of other issues, headlined "Internet United".

"An open, free and undivided Internet, where users can enjoy their rights without compromising their privacy is an overarching idea, which has long been followed by the Polish government in all debates on Internet governance", said Minister Marek Zagórski.

In 2016, the IGF Poland was formally set up, bringing together public administration, business, academia, NGOs and technical organisations.

Organizing such a prestigious event is a great success and an enormous challenge. The IGF (Internet Governance Forum) has been organised since 2006. To date, it has been held in Kenya, Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Turkey, Brazil, Switzerland, France and Germany. It's time for Poland!

Everybody is invited

What will be different from its previous editions is the involvement of young Internet users in debates and decision-making.

"We want the 16th edition of the **IGF** to be an important event for youth, who make up the majority of the worldwide Internet community," said Marek Zagórski.

In Katowice, they will have an opportunity to speak up and be heard.

The **IGF** is an international initiative geared towards initiating and facilitating a global debate on the development of the Internet, as well as the current and emergent phenomena related to its functioning.

The 2021 UN IGF – where key decisions on the future of the Internet will be made

During the COVID-19 crisis, the Internet proved to be helpful in organising our lives to an extent that we would never foresee just a few months ago. This has only confirmed its enormous value to all of us. We are functioning in a digital world, where we need freedom, openness and security.

"The Internet and digital solutions are a perfect remedy for the hardships of the COVID-19 era. However, we must not forget about cybersecurity, ensuring reliable and secure data processing and strengthening efforts to make digital education a reality," said Krzysztof Szubert, High Representative of the Prime Minister for European Digital Policy and Republic of Poland Plenipotentiary for UN IGF 2021. "The digital transformation should go hand in hand with new solutions and business models throughout the entire economy. It also requires engaging new communities in the process of Internet governance," he said.

We would like the Polish Internet community to get involved in the organisation and the course of this event.

During the IGF 2021 in Poland, everyone has the right to express their opinion on the future of the Internet. You too can influence this debate!



The event is organised by the Chancellery of the Prime Minister.

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