SUPPORTING E-GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS
FOR DELIVERING ON THE SDGs

DATE       Tuesday September 25, 2018
            3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

PLACE      UN Global Compact
            685 Third Ave, 12th Floor,
            New York

FORMAT     Panel Roundtable with open Q&A

PURPOSE    Governments and strong institutions are central pillars for efficient and transparent
frameworks for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Digital technologies
and innovation for the public sector, can thus be fundamental drivers to
substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms. By supporting e-
governance, governments can develop more effective, accountable and
transparent institutions that are able to deliver services to their citizens. The 2018
UN E-Government Survey highlighted a positive global trend towards higher levels
of e-government development. However, implementing such frameworks can be
challenging, and many government struggle to manage the transition from
traditional paper based to digital bureaucracy.

This side-event will provide an opportunity to discuss experiences and learnings
from leading e-government initiatives in Denmark and Georgia. Special focus will
be given to the relation between e-government solutions and the implementation of
the Sustainable Development Goals. Experiences from public-private
collaborations on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, will also be provided by
Estonia, Bangladesh, the UN Global Compact, UNDP and by cBrain, a Danish
company that collaborates with over 50 public organizations and 12 ministries in
Denmark.

EXP. ATTENDANCE  40-50

MODERATOR    Mr. Vicenzo Aquaro, Chief of Digital Government, UN Desa

HOSTS        Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN – Permanent Mission of Georgia to the
UN and the UN Global Compact

AUDIENCE     The event aims to attract participations from UN officials, member states, private
sector, investors, experts and NGOs working with digitalization of the public sector.
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| 2h45   | 3h00  | **Speakers to meet at UN Global Compact**  
For introductions, warm-up and any outstanding arrangements or questions. |
| 3h05   | 3h10  | **Section One: Introduction**  
Moderator Mr. Vicenzo Aquaro, Chief of Digital Government, Division for Public 
Institutions & Digital Government at UN Desa, introduces the goals and objectives of the session and introduce the co-hosts from the Government of Denmark, Georgia and UN Global Compact. |
| 3h10   | 3h15  | **Section Two: Opening remarks by UN DESA (5 min)**  
– The UN E-Government Survey 2018  
– Introduction of all panellists, by moderator |
| 3h15   | 3h50  | **Section Three: Panel (approx. 5 min each)**  
– Denmark’s experience with e-Governments  
  Mr. Casper Klynge, World’s first Tech Ambassador, Denmark  
– Georgia’s experience with e-Governments  
  Mr. Shalva Tsiskarashvili, Ambassador at Large from the Ministry of 
  Foreign Affairs of Georgia  
– Estonia’s experience with e-Governments  
  Lembit Ulbo, Political Department Director General (TBC)  
– Bangladesh’s Access to information Project  
  Mr. Anir Chowdhury, Senior Policy Adviser, Access to Information 
  Project, Prime Minister’s Office, Government of Bangladesh  
– UN Global Compact  
  Ms. Christina Koulias, Senior Manager, Anti-Corruption & Governance  
– UNDP  
  Ms. Lucy Turner, Coordinator of the Global Alliance for Reporting 
  Progress on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies  
– Perspective from the Private Sector, cBrain  
  Mr. Per Teis Knudsen, CEO, c-Brain |
| 3h50   | 4h05  | **Section Four: Moderated debate**  
The moderator will ask guiding questions to the panellists in order to cover key 
elements related to e-government opportunities and challenges, the role of e- 
government for fighting corruption, bribery and for creating accountability. 
The role of public-private-partnerships for e-governments. |
| 4h05   | 4h25  | **Section Five: Moderated Q&A from the audience**  
The moderator will invite questions from the audience and guide the speakers in 
answering, encouraging focus on examples, strategies and solutions. 
Short intervention from (2 min):  
– WFUNA Ms. Margaret Williams, Senior Peace and Security Officer, 
  Lead of The Sixteen Plus Forum (SDG 16+) |
| 4h25   | 4h30  | **Section Six: Thank you and closing remarks (approx. 5 min)**  
The moderator will summarize the discussions, highlighting key messages, and 
thank the panellists for their participation. |

*The moderator is expected to enforce time limits on answers to questions by indicating to the speaker when they have 2 minutes left.*
The structure of this event includes 30-40 minutes of tour-de-table of 5-minute interventions from speakers, 15 minutes of responses and moderated discussion with seven respondents and 20 minutes of an interactive discussion with the floor, speakers and respondents. The moderator will open and close the event with 5 minutes each. (1.5 hours in total).

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Language: English
Exchange of gifts: No
Dress code: Business Attire
Name: Vincenzo Aquaro  
Position: Chief of Digital Government, UN Desa  

Brief Profile: Mr. Vincenzo Aquaro is the Chief of E-Government Branch of the Division for Public Administration & Development Management of the UNDESA. Before joining the United Nations, Mr. Aquaro was the Chairman of Board and CEO of Formit Servizi SpA, a leading Italian Company in the field of e-governance advisory management and monitoring services. He was also the member of the Scientific Committee of Formit Foundation, and President and CEO of CARMA Scientific Research Consortium, an Academia and Public Private Partnership established in order to supply ICT products and services for Banks and SME of Agricultural and Agro-industrial fields.

Name: Casper Klynge  
Position: Tech Ambassador of Denmark  

Brief Profile: Since September 2017, Casper Klynge is Denmark’s & the world’s first Tech Ambassador spearheading the Government’s decision to elevate technology to a foreign policy priority as part of the ‘TechPlomacy-initiative’. Working out of Silicon Valley, Casper has a global mandate with part of his team sitting in Copenhagen and in Beijing thus rethinking the traditional understanding of a diplomatic representation. Before leading the Tech-representation, Casper served as Ambassador of Denmark to Indonesia, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea & ASEAN (2014-2017) and to the Republic of Cyprus (2013-2014). Prior to that, Casper worked in several positions within the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as the Senior Civilian Representative / Deputy Head of NATO’s multinational Helmand Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan (2010-2011), and as Head of the European Union’s civilian crisis management mission in Kosovo (2006-2008). Mr. Klynge holds a Master degree in Political Science, and he is a 2009 Marshall Memorial Fellow.

Name: Shalva Tsiskarashvili  
Position: Ambassador at Large from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia  

Brief Profile: Shalva Tsiskarashvili has been serving as Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations Office at Geneva since June 2012. Prior to his appointment to Geneva, Mr. Tsiskarashvili had been serving as Deputy Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations in New York since October 2009. He also served at the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations from 2005 until February 2009, first as First Secretary and then as Counselor. A career diplomat, Mr. Tsiskarashvili joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia in 1998 as Third Secretary at the International Law Department, a post he held until 2000. He was Second Secretary at the International Law Department from 2000 to 2004. From February to October 2009, he was the Deputy Director of the Department of International Organizations at the Ministry.
**Name:** Lembit Uibo  
**Position:** Political Department Director General, Estonia (TBC)

**Brief Profile:** Lembit Uibo was the Estonian ambassador to the Czech Republic in 2010–2014. He previously served as the Governmental Agent to the European Court of Justice for six years and as director of the office for the ECJ at the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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**Name:** Christina Koulias  
**Position:** Senior Manager, Anti-Corruption & Governance, UNGC

**Brief Profile:** Christina Koulias serves as Senior Manager at UN Global Compact - World's largest corporate sustainability initiative. Christina leads a number of strategic initiatives engaging business, the legal profession and other societal actors. This includes the UN Global Compact’s Business for the Rule of Law initiative and Guide for General Counsel on Corporate Sustainability.

Prior to joining the UN Global Compact, Christina worked at one of Australia's top tier law firms as Senior Associate to the Honorable Justice Almond at the Supreme Court of Victoria. She also has over 12 years of commercial experience at one of Australia's largest banks where she served as Operational Risk and Compliance Manager. She earned her Master of Laws from Monash University in 2010 and Bachelor of Business Management from the University of South Australia in 2002.

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**Name:** Lucy Turner  
**Position:** Coordinator of the Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies (UNDP)

**Brief Profile:** Lucy Turner is an International development professional with more than 10 years’ UN experience in Middle East, Asia, Africa and Pacific regions. She has held several Leadership and advisory roles in development and implementation of innovative access to justice and rule of law projects. Furthermore, she is an award-winning and published writer whose work has advanced international law, policy and practice on legal aid and gender justice in particular.
**Name:** Per Tejs Knudsen  
**Position:** CEO, cBrain  

**Brief Profile:** Per Tejs Knudsen founded cBrain and Deltek Denmark. He occupies the position of Chief Executive Officer & Director at cBrain and Managing Director at Putega Holding ApS. Mr. Knudsen is also on the board of Technical University of Denmark and Dansk IT and Member of The Danish Academy of Technical Sciences. In his past career Mr. Knudsen occupied the position of Chief Executive Officer for Deltek Danmark. He received an undergraduate degree from Technical University of Denmark.

**Name:** Margaret Williams  
**Position:** Senior Peace and Security Officer, Lead of The Sixteen Plus Forum (SDG 16+), WFUNA

**Brief Profile:** Margaret Williams is the Senior Peace and Security Officer at the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA). She also acts as the Coordinator of the 16+ Forum, a multi-stakeholder platform, of which WFUNA is the Secretariat, designed to showcase and share best practices in SDG 16+ implementation at national and local levels. With experience in policy, advocacy and programming, Margaret has worked on issues related to inclusion and state-society relations, youth empowerment, gender equality and education.