

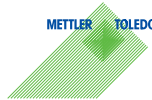
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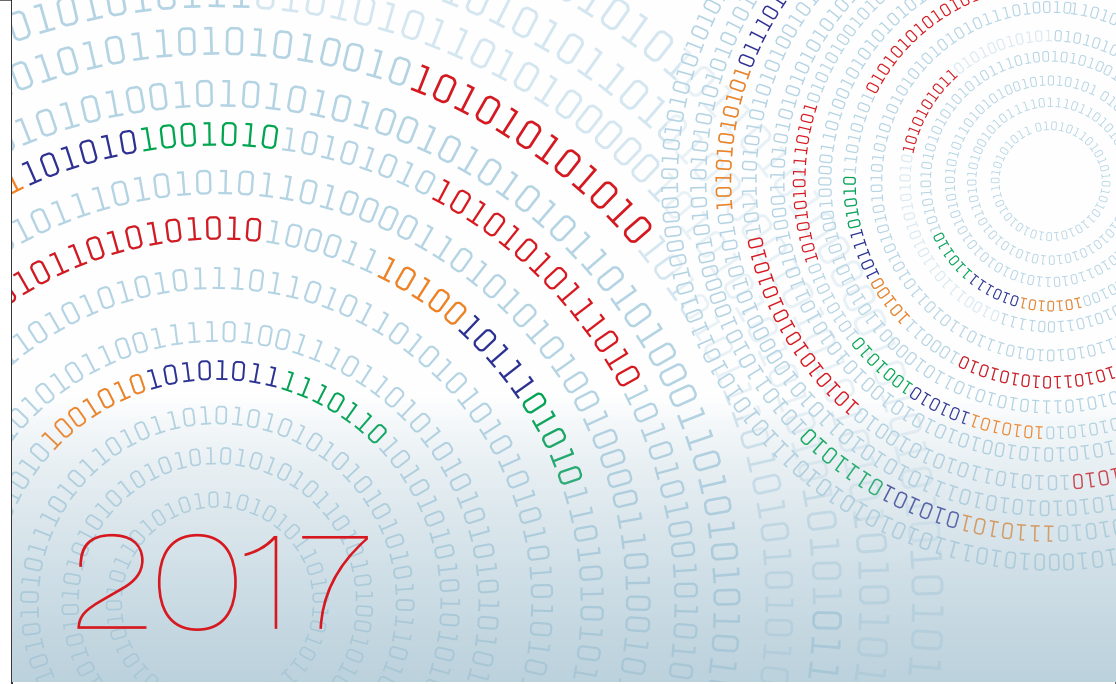
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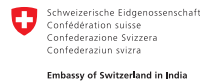


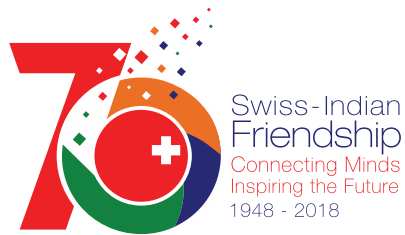
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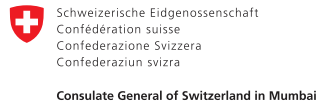
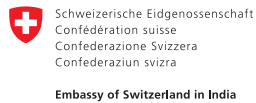
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Welcome Address



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The Embassy of Switzerland is happy to present the event series *70 Years of Swiss-Indian Friendship: Connecting Minds - Inspiring the Future (SIF70)*. This biennial initiative commemorates the anniversary of the Swiss-Indian Treaty of Friendship, which was signed in New Delhi on August 14, 1948. SIF70 was officially launched by the President of the Swiss Confederation, Mrs. Doris Leuthard during her State visit to India on September 1, 2017.

With this initiative, the Swiss diplomatic network in India is connecting Swiss and Indian minds that are actively shaping the future of both countries. The focus lies on creating opportunities for innovation in business, research and technology, but also in the fields of governance, art or social inclusion. Events and activities have started in April 2017 and will continue to take place in various cities across India to highlight this important landmark until the end of 2018.

The ongoing digital transformation of all sectors of our society also touches governments and public services. Politicians are tweeting, citizens engage on change platforms and governments are reshaping the access to public services. A push forward comes from both the governments of India and of Switzerland with initiatives, strategies and new digital services. In both Switzerland and India, a younger generation of entrepreneurs and engaged citizens are enriching the e-governance sector with innovative ideas.

The Swiss-Indian forum on e-governance is an exchange on initiatives and strategies taken in both countries, on best practices and lessons learnt. We are particularly happy to have a dedicated Knowledge Partner with the Indian Institute of Public Administration. In this first bilateral forum on e-governance, we present to you innovators in the Swiss governance sector and want to start a discussion on citizen to government relations in our countries. We intend to connect Swiss and Indian experts in order to launch a conversation affecting both our countries' futures.

I express my best wishes for a stimulating and productive day.

Welcome Address



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One of the main objectives of governance in any democratic country is to achieve holistic development with citizen participation and ensure accountable, responsive, and transparent delivery systems. For doing so, these countries could use emerging technologies and their applications in the processes of governance. The flagship Digital India Programme (Government of India, 2015) too affirms to “transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy” with far reaching economic, social and environmental benefits for its masses. To augment further its e-governance endeavours, Ministry of Electronics and Information technology (MeitY), has collaborated with Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) as one of its prime agencies to train its senior and middle level officials as well as has entrusted IIPA to replicate 'Training of Trainers' components for e-governance and Digital India trainings throughout the country. Digital India tries to address all the features of making India more citizen - centric, and citizen-inclusive.

However, the rapid digitization and inclusion of technology-based solutions in public service delivery may have its pitfalls. Proliferation of technology in all aspects of a citizens' life, may make the hapless citizens more vulnerable to cybercrime. Governments must collaborate with each other and with all stakeholders of the ecosystem - both at the national as well as at the international level – to prevent this and to be one-step ahead.

Swiss-India relationship is a case in point. Firmly grounded in our seventy years old friendship, this partnership of Switzerland and India in the e-governance space may be pertinent at this time of transition when India seeks new friendships and empirical evidence of success. The thrust of Digital India in bridging the last mile gap for a hitherto 'unreached' citizen is expected to benefit from Swiss experiences as well as from Swiss success stories that could be adapted for India. Similarly, Indian achievements in digitally engaging citizens in policy-making processes through initiatives like MyGov may be useful for Switzerland.

Hope this Swiss-Indian e-governance forum can take this process of joint learning forward towards fruition!

Proposed Program

- 10:00 – 10:30** Registration of the Participants
- 10:30 – 11:00** Inaugural Session
- 11:00 – 11:20** **Presentation National Strategies: e-Government Switzerland Digital India**
- 11:20 – 12:20** **Presentations: Best Practices and Examples of Implementation of the National Strategies**
Followed by Q&A
- 12:20 – 12:35** Speed Networking Session
- 12:35 – 13:00** **Presentations: Open Government Data in India Open Data in Switzerland – Technology for All not just for Few**
Followed by Q&A
- 13:00 – 13:45** Lunch & Networking Break
- 13:45 – 14:45** **Panel Discussion 1**
Disruptive Technologies and Sustainable Development Goals: Engaging the Unreached – Digital Governance for All
Examples of implementation: issues, opportunities and instruments on how to reach out to groups not reached by digitalization
Followed by Q&A and Open Discussion
- 14:45 – 15:05** **Interactive Session: Citizen Participation in e-Governance**
- 15:05 – 15:20** Tea-Break / Short Film
- 15:20 – 16:30** **Panel Discussion 2**
Resolving the Triangular Dichotomy: e-Governance, Right to Privacy and Security
Followed by Q&A and Open Discussion
- 16:30 – 16:50** Wrap Up Session – Conclusions
- 16:50 – 17:00** Acknowledgments
- 17:00 - 17:30** Tea / Networking



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staatslabor

The staatslabor was born from a keen interest in public action and the desire to keep it in pace with present opportunities. In the summer of 2016, a group of young people from such diverse backgrounds as design, technology, social sciences, politics and administration decided to set up a site where issues related to public services and policies could be tackled in a multidisciplinary and innovative fashion.

Officially launched in January 2017 and housed in the Impact Hub of Berne - the capital of Switzerland, the staatslabor supports the developmental work of Swiss public and parapublic sectors striving to offer citizens services tailored to their current and future needs. The staatslabor functions simultaneously as a platform connecting experts, civil society and administrations, a forum for exchange and a laboratory for public innovation.

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Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)

Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) was setup to build capacity among public servants through training and research with knowledge, skills and behaviour required for managing the tasks of governance at the Centre and state level. In its efforts to enhance the leadership, management and administrative capability of the executives in government and public sector enterprises, the Institute works in close collaboration with national and international organizations. The Institute's training and research programmers link with its vast information management and experience-sharing activities.

Building upon the vision of its founding fathers, the IIPA aims to be one of the world's leading academic centers of thought and influence on public governance, policy making and implementation to enable governance systems to become more responsive to the needs and aspirations of citizens and be aligned to human values in a democratic society.

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Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)

The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) was established in 1999 by a group of professors from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad. In 1999, Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed by them with Delhi High Court asking for [or requesting] the disclosure of the

criminal, financial and educational background of the candidates contesting elections. Based on this, the Supreme Court in 2002, and subsequently in 2003, made it mandatory for all candidates contesting elections to disclose criminal, financial and educational background prior to the polls by filing an affidavit with the Election Commission.

The first election watch was conducted by ADR in 2002 for Gujarat Assembly Elections, whereby detailed analysis of the backgrounds of candidates contesting elections was provided to the electorate in order to help the electorate make an informed choice during polls. Since then, ADR has conducted Election Watches for almost all state and parliament elections in collaboration with the National Election Watch. It conducts multiple projects aimed at increasing transparency and accountability in the political and electoral system of the country.

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Pavan Duggal Associates

Pavan Duggal Associates is India's niche technology law firm which focuses on intersection of law and technology as also cyber security. The law firm has contributed to pushing forward the existing jurisprudence on cyber security related legal issues. Pavan Duggal Associates is a specialist and his boutique law firm has over the years expanded its scope to variety of emerging legal areas of discipline in the digital and mobile ecosystem.

Pavan Duggal Associates is specialized in all areas pertaining to reporting cybercrime and prosecuting the cybercrime on behalf of their clients. Pavan Duggal Associates focuses on cutting-edge areas of intersection of law and technology in cyberspace as also in the digital and mobile ecosystem.

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Open Knowledge International is a global non-profit organization focused on realizing open data's value to society by helping civil society groups access and use data to take action on social problems. They show the value of open data for the work of civil society organizations, provide organizations with the tools and skills to effectively use open data and we make government information systems responsive to civil society.

Open Knowledge International is a worldwide network of people passionate about openness, using advocacy, technology and training to unlock information and enable people to work with it to create and share knowledge.

Opendata.ch, the Swiss chapter of Open Knowledge International co-founded by Hannes Gassert, has a particular focus on the specific situation in their country: what's the interplay of transparency and direct democracy? What are the ways towards more open government data in an extremely decentralized system? And how can a tradition of top-notch data quality in areas like maps and schedules be expanded and leveraged for progress and innovation that serves everybody?

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Procivis

The company was founded in October 2016 by a handful of passionate individuals with extensive professional and academic experience in a global context. The founding members are supported by an Advisory Board consisting of renowned cyber security and blockchain specialists as well as e-government experts from Estonia, the world's leader in the field. Procivis AG is incorporated in Zurich, Switzerland and operates according to the country's core values, which are reflected by their services.

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Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) is one of the foremost public central universities in India, and a world-renowned centre for teaching and research. Ranked number one in India by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), the institution is known for its impact on developing an understanding of society, culture and science. Many members of faculty and research scholars have won prestigious national and international awards for their academic work. At present there are ten Schools and four Special Centres in the University hosting around 8000 students and 650 faculty members. JNU has also granted recognition and accreditation to numerous academic, training and research institutions of national importance across the country.

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Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is part of the Union Government of the Republic of India. It was formed by giving the status of ministry to the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (Deity) of Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

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The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is a statutory authority established under the provisions of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act,

2016 (“Aadhaar Act 2016”) on 12 July 2016 by the Government of India, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

Prior to its establishment as a statutory authority, UIDAI was functioning as an attached office of the then Planning Commission (now NITI Aayog) vide its Gazette Notification No.-A-43011/02/2009-Admn.I) dated 28th January, 2009. Later, on 12 September 2015, the Government revised the Allocation of Business Rules to attach the UIDAI to the Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY) of the then Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

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eGovernment Switzerland

Switzerland pursues a joint e-government strategy on all three levels: national, cantonal and communal. By implementing the strategy, their aim is to achieve the following mission: eGovernment is a matter of course: transparent, cost-effective and seamless electronic government services for the general public, businesses and the administration.

In the eGovernment strategy, the Confederation, the cantons and the communes have adhered to four strategic aims. Service orientation: electronic government services which are easy to use, transparent and secure as well. Usefulness and effectiveness: eGovernment creates added value for the general public, businesses and the authorities, and reduces the work of all those involved in processing official business. Innovation and promotion of the Swiss economy: eGovernment exploits innovations and thereby promotes Switzerland as a business location and as a place to live. Sustainability: multiple usage of solutions will be promoted. The Confederation and the cantons ensure the sustainability of e-government services by setting requirements in terms of organisation, financing and operation.

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United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

UNDP works in almost 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. We help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results.

UNDP has worked in India since 1951 in almost all areas of human development, from democratic governance to poverty eradication, to sustainable energy and environmental management. UNDP's programmes are aligned with national priorities and are reviewed and adjusted annually.

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Amit, the Founder and CEO of EasyGov believes that the solution to the problem in social welfare benefit delivery is more in execution and less in policy. He transformed the EasyGov idea into reality by creating an Aadhar stack-based cloud solution that will help the people of India discover their entitlements and avail the benefits of social welfare schemes and Government-to-Citizen services.

EasyGov

EasyGov is an advanced cloud solution that enables citizens to avail benefits from Government of India schemes and services. EasyGov provides citizens access to easy-to-understand actionable information to apply for these schemes & services and leverages technology to simplify and automate the delivery of these benefits. EasyGov has captured the interest and admiration of multiple policy makers and government arms who are keen on integrating and developing government services to be more accessible and effectual.

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IT for Change

IT for Change is an NGO based in Bengaluru, India.

IT for Change is recognized globally for its expertise on information society issues, especially from a Southern and equity and social justice

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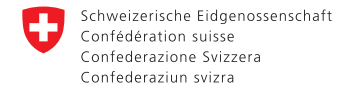
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