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ICT4Peace and OAS co-organize workshop on International Security and Diplomacy in Cyberspace

The ICT4Peace Foundation and the Organisation of American States (OAS) conducted a first of its kind "Workshop on International Security and Diplomacy in Cyberspace" with over 50 participants (Diplomats, Security and Technical Staff) from 26 Latin American countries in Bogota, Colombia, from 18 to 20 November 2014. The workshop was organized with the support of the Ministry of Information Communication and Technologies (MinTIC) of Colombia.

Read more here.

Better Information Management in Peacekeeping Operations through ICTs - Training at UN RSCE Entebbe

The ICT4Peace Foundation in cooperation with its partners, the Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF), Berlin and the Folke Bernadotte Accademy, (FBA), Stockholm carried out its fourth Crisis Information Management (CiM) Training Course from 2 to 5 December 2014.

The training course for staff of the UN Peace-Keeping Missions in the Eastern African Region was hosted by the UN Department for Peace Keeping Operations/ UN Department for Field Support at the United Nations Regional Service Centre Entebbe (RSCE), Uganda.

The course was aimed at a wide spectrum of operational UN personnel profiles and multi-stakeholder UN peacekeeping missions.

Read the full update here.

Call for deeper engagement by all for the peaceful use of ICTs in 2015

At the same time, ICT4 Peace urges even deeper engagement by others – parliamentarians, the private sector, civil society organisations as well as citizens themselves – on domestic and international agendas focused on promoting the peaceful use of ICTs. Such engagement can provide much-needed technical and normative support to government efforts in this area, while also ensuring more effective oversight of public policy decisions that ultimately effect us all.

Read the full statement by the Foundation here.

International Geneva launches Geneva Cybersecurity Days

The ICT4Peace Foundation is honoured to have been invited to join the The Geneva Internet Platform, the Permanent Mission of Finland to the UN, DCAF, the GCSP, DiploFoundation, the University of Geneva, and other partners, to launch a series of events throughout 2015, entitled Geneva Cybersecurity Days. The series will bring together representatives of states; international organisations; experts; the corporate, academic, and technical sectors; and civil society, to discuss various challenges at national, regional, and global level related to cybersecurity. The Geneva Cybersecurity Days should increase awareness and further develop a global response to cybersecurity challenges along the lines of the Geneva Message on Strengthening Internet Governance.

More details here.

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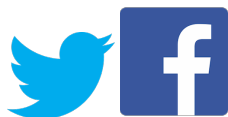
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Download **a report on the use of Information and Communications Technologies for peacebuilding (ICT4Peace),** with a Preface by Kofi A. Annan, former Secretary General of the United Nations here. An updated version of this report, with critical analysis on current policies and practices of ICTs in peacebuilding and crises was published in early 2011. Published in collaboration with the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University and GeorgiaTech, *Peacebuilding in the Information Age: Sifting Hype from Reality* can be read here.

ICT4Peace took root with pioneering research on the role of ICTs in preventing, responding to and recovering from conflict in 2003 and lead to the adoption of Paragraph 36 by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in Tunis in 2005 which recognises "...*the potential of ICTs to promote peace and to prevent conflict which, inter alia, negatively affects achieving development goals. ICTs can be used for identifying conflict situations through early-warning systems preventing conflicts, promoting their peaceful resolution, supporting humanitarian action, including protection of civilians in armed conflicts, facilitating peacekeeping missions, and assisting post conflict*

peace-building and reconstruction".

The **ICT4Peace Foundation** works to promote the practical realisation of Paragraph 36 and looks at the role of ICT in crisis management, covering aspects of early warning and conflict prevention, peace mediation, peacekeeping, peace-building as well as natural disaster management and humanitarian operations.

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