

# Bridging the Gap between Technology and Policy

## PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES & TECH

**Objective:** Identify challenges posed by private cybersecurity services to peace, security and human rights and offer recommendations.

Activities: ICT4Peace published a comprehensive mapping study "From Boots on the Ground to Bytes in Cyberspace" in September 2022 providing insights into the activities of private security actors using ICTs and their impacts on human rights, international law, and security. It is now working on a toolkit to provide practical guidance to these companies on how to use ICT's responsibly.





## UN & PEACE IN CYBERSPACE

- **Objective:** Support multilateral efforts towards peace, human security and stability in cyberspace
- Activities: As an ECOSOC-accredited organization, ICT4Peace participates regularly in and contributes submissions to the UNOEWG on ICTs. ICT4Peace Academy trains diplomats from OAS, SE Asia and sub-Saharan Africa on the Normative Framework of Responsible State Behaviour in Cyberspace.

#### FRANCOPHONIE & NUMÉRIQUE



Objective: Increase access to and participation in online resources
in French and languages other than English

Activities: Presided over and wrote report for the OIF providing recommendations for implementing the OIF Digital Strategy. As a result, the OIF will create a Centre de Ressources agile sur le numérique in Geneva.



# GENDER & ICTS

- **Objective**: Tackle gender biases embedded in technology and address the inaccessibility of these technologies to marginalized groups, including women and girls.
- Activities: Partners with gender-focused civil society organizations to carry out research and publish recommendations, such as "WPS and Human Rights in the Digital age" and build capacity, such as in ITU's "Her Cyber Tracks Programme."



#### CYBERMEDIATION AND PEACEBUILDING

- **Objective**: Adapt peacebuilding and peacemaking efforts to digital spaces, addressing the challenges posed by ongoing conflicts.
- Activities: Founding member of the Cyber Mediation Network to empower peacebuilders through effective use of ICTs. ICT4Peace focuses on overcoming access barriers and power imbalances in using ICTs for peacebuilding.





## ONLINE MISINFORMATION, DISINFORMATION & HATE SPEECH

- **Objective**: Tackle the dissemination of false information online, which can lead to severe consequences like terrorist attacks, election interference, and battlefield impacts.
- Activities: Launched "Digital Distortions" podcast which examines where information technology, mass deception and psvchology collide.

# **ICT4PEACE ACADEMY**

- **Objective**: Provide custom-tailored educational courses for representatives of governments, civil society organizations, companies, and other organizations.
- Activities: Leveraging an extensive network of expert practitioners, including diplomats and technologists, the ICT4Peace Academy offers up-to-date, interactive courses on various relevant topics. Works with representatives from OAS Member States, SE Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.





### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, PEACE AND ETHICS

- **Objective:** Address the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on society, particularly in conflict zones and socio-economic arenas.
- Activities: ICT4Peace's AI program has been active since 2017. We have released several publications, and now are teaching a module on AI as part of our ICT4Peace Academy offerings.