

Vienna ²³ October 2019

Dear Sir/Madame,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the Security Days expert roundtable on *“A Human Rights-Centred Approach to Technology and Security”*, which will take place on 8 November 2019 at the Hofburg Palace in Vienna.

Global attention is now focused on the role of new technologies and technological developments enabled by computerization and digitalization – sometimes characterized as the “Fourth Industrial Revolution.” Given the central role of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the OSCE’s comprehensive concept of security, participants in this OSCE Security Day will discuss the profound implications of the newest technological tools available both to states and non-state for all aspects of security, including the human dimension. The event will focus on opportunities and challenges associated with the design and use of new technologies, including risks of abuse as well as positive applications of such technologies to advance democracy, human rights, transparency and accountability.

You will find the tentative agenda, concept note, and organizational modalities at <https://www.osce.org/secdays/2019/human-rights-technology-and-security>. If you have any questions or would like additional information about this event, please feel free to contact Doug Wake (douglas.wake@osce.org, tel. +43 1 514 36 6258) or Charlotte Bleisch (charlotte.bleisch@osce.org, tel. 43 1 514 36 6841) Senior Experts at the OSCE Strategic Policy Support Unit.

The OSCE Security Day is open to representatives of international organizations, think tanks and academic institutions, civil society, youth, the private sector and the media, subject to prior registration and confirmation from the OSCE Secretariat. Persons interested in participating should submit an electronic registration form available at events.osce.org/2019-security-days/registration not later than 31 October 2019.

I look forward to the participation of you and your colleagues in this event.

Yours sincerely,



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